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SECTION 2
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-142323)

DATE: 7/10/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON, was
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Enclosed are the originals and three copies each of the report of SA EARL F. SHANNON, NY, and a letterhead memorandum characterizing the informants utilized, dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCE New York report of SA RAYMOND RAMER, 7/10/57.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	File Number where Located
T-1 [redacted]	100-63755-1122
T-2 [redacted]	100-63755-1117
T-3 NY 694-S*	100-63755-1121

The following informants were contacted in June, 1958, as mentioned in enclosed report:

<u>INFORMANT</u>	<u>DATE CONTACTED</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>
[redacted]	6/6/58	CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH
	6/6/58	JAMES P. HALLERON
	6/9/58	JOHN A. HAAG
	6/9/58	CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH
	6/10/58	CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH
	6/11/58	JAMES P. HALLERON
	6/13/58	CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH

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3 - New York (100-63755)

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NY 100-63755

ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext interviews on 6/24/58 were by SA EARL F. SHANNON. A credit bureau pretext was used to determine the subject's residence, and a businessman returning the subject's call was used as a pretext to determine his employment.

The Special Agents who observed the subject on 3/18/58 were JAMES F. MITCHELL and DENNIS J. BARRY, JR.

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4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☒ This report is classified confidential because (state reason) **it reflects the NYO has coverage of CP activities in the Greater New York area held at some known CP meeting places, by both present and former CP members. If this information was disclosed, it would be injurious to the Internal Security of the United States.**
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) **he refused to cooperate with agents of the NYO when contacted in June, 1957, and there are no indications that an interview would be productive at this time.**
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) **of his attendance at the NY State CP Convention in 1957.**



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

NY 100-63755

New York, New York
July 19, 1958

Re: Leon Nelson, with aliases
Security Matter - C

With reference to the report of Special Agent Earl F. Shannon, New York, the informants utilized are characterized as follows:

T-1 and T-2 are in a position to furnish reliable information.

T-3 has furnished reliable information in the past.

The informants, contacted in June, 1958, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 7/10/59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/3/59 - 6/26/59
TITLE OF CASE LEON NELSON, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA EARL F. SHANNON	TYPED BY jr
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS

REFERENCE

NY report of SA EARL F. SHANNON, dated 7/10/58.

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INFORMANTS

The following informants were unable to furnish any information regarding the subject when contacted as indicated:

Informant

Date of Contact

Contacting Agent



6/19/59
6/22/59
6/23/59
6/24/59
6/26/59
6/26/59
6/23/59

SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH
SA JAMES P. HALLERON
SA EDWARD J. MULHOLLAND
SA JAMES P. HALLERON
SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH
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ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext telephone calls on 4/29/59 were by SA HARRY E. MORRIS, Jr. To determine subject's residence SA MORRIS talked with a female at the subject's residence and merely asked for the subject. To determine employment SA MORRIS posed as a person who had found a wallet containing the subject's name and phone number and he talked with the subject.

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he refused to cooperate when contacted in June, 1957 and on no indications that an interview would be productive at this time.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) the subject attended the NYS CP Convention in 1957, as reflected in NY report of SA RAYMOND RAMER, dated 7/10/57.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ His activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA EARL F. SHANNON
Date: July 10, 1959

Office: NEW YORK

File Number: New York 100-63755

Bureau 100-142323

Title: LEON NELSON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 716 Avenue T, Brooklyn, NY, and is employed by M. Silverman, 101 West 37th Street, NY. NY. Informants unable to furnish any information regarding subject.

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Details:

I. BACKGROUNDResidence

On April 29, 1959, by means of a suitable pretext telephone call, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained the subject's residence at 716 Avenue T, Brooklyn, New York.

Employment

On April 29, 1959, by means of a suitable pretext telephone call, a Special Agent of the FBI ascertained the subject's employment by M. Silverman, 101 West 37th Street, New York, New York.

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II. MISCELLANEOUS

Certain informants who are familiar with CP activity in the Greater New York area were shown a photograph of the subject in June, 1959, but were unable to furnish any information regarding him.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

NY 100-63755

New York, New York
July 10, 1959

Re: Leon Nelson
Security Matter - C

With reference to New York report of Special Agent Earl F. Shannon, dated and captioned as above, the informants, who were contacted in June, 1959 have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-142323)

DATE: 11/2/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON, aka
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*0-1 New York
8-1-60
Report will be
submitted
8-5-60
for*

Cards UTD
Cards Sent 00

11/12/59

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows. (specify change only):

Name		
Aliases		
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) ADD Office Manager		
Key Facility Data <i>100-142323</i> NOT RECORDED 16 NOV 3 1959		
Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____		
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address		

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 4 AUG 1960	Investigative Period 6/20/60 - 7/28/60
TITLE OF CASE LEON NELSON aka		Report made by TONY J. SEABAUGH	Typed By: mau
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

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REFERENCE:

NY report of SA EARL F. SHANNON, dated 7/10/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The pretext telephone calls on 7/22/60, were conducted by SA TONY J. SEABAUGH. The pretext call to determine the subject's residence was that of a delivery service with a package for the subject, and the pretext to determine his employment was an inquiry concerning an employee of the subject.

It is noteworthy that (NY T-1) further

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advised on 6/17/59, that it is the conclusion of the National Office of the CP, USA, that the pamphlet referred to in instant report was sent out by the FBI.

Records of the BSS, NYCPD, as caused to be checked on 6/22/60, by SA DAVID G. JENKINS were found to contain no pertinent information regarding the subject not previously reported.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

NY T-1

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ✓

The informants who were contacted during this investigation with negative results are identified as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>
[REDACTED]	6/30/60	SA JOHN A. HAAG
	6/30/60	SA JOHN A. HAAG
	6/30/60	SA JOHN A. HAAG
	7/15/60	SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH
	6/22/60	SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN
	6/29/60	SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN
	6/29/60	SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN
	6/22/60	SA ROBERT P. SMITH
	7/7/60	SA ROBERT P. SMITH

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☒ This report is classified confidential because (state reason) unauthorized disclosure of data reported from NY T-1 could reasonably result in the identification of this confidential informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) when contacted under the Toplev Program by Bureau Agents in June, 1957, NELSON stated that he would not speak with or discuss anything with the FBI. Subject's wife, JEANNE BLISS NELSON, (Bufile 100-432544) was interviewed under the Toplev Program in August, 1958, and advised she had nothing to discuss with the FBI. There has been no additional information indicating a change in the subject's attitude toward interview, and therefore it is not felt that a
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) the subject attended the reconvened NY State CP Convention in March, 1957, as reflected in the NY report of SA RAYMOND RAMER, dated 7/10/57.
Attended meeting of present & former "right-wing" CP members 3/18/58. (Ser. 123). In 6/57 advised Bureau agent he had walked out of CP & wanted nothing more to do with CP. (Ser. 112)
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ His activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to:

Report of: TONY J. SEABAUGH Office: New York, New York
Date: 4 AUG 1960
File Number: NY 100-63755 Bufile 100-142323
Title: LEON NELSON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: LEON NELSON resides at 716 Avenue T, Brooklyn, NY, and is employed as Office Manager by M. Silverman, 101 W. 37th St., NY, NY. Informant advised in June, 1959, that a pamphlet entitled "Is The Communist Party, USA, In Its Present Form, The Proper Organization To Bring Socialism To America?" was being distributed in the NYC area. Informant related that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was of the opinion that the pamphlet originated with a group in Brooklyn, including LEON NELSON. Informants were unable to furnish any information concerning the subject.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence

By means of a pretext on July 22, 1960, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

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determined that LEON NELSON then resided at 716 Avenue T, Brooklyn, New York.

B. Employment

On July 22, 1960, a SA of the FBI determined, by pretext, that LEON NELSON was then employed as Office Manager at M. Silverman, 101 West 37th Street, New York, New York.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

NY T-1 on June 17, 1959, advised that a six page pamphlet, entitled "Is The Communist Party, USA, In Its Present Form, A Proper Organization To Bring Socialism To America?" was being distributed in the New York City area.

According to NY T-1, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was of the opinion that the pamphlet, in all probability, originated with a group in Brooklyn, New York, including LEON NELSON and others, as they would try to cause all the trouble they could.

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker", issue of October 11, 1959, on page 11, describes WILLIAM ALBERTSON as the Executive Secretary of the CP of New York State.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

NY T-1 was recontacted on June 29, 1960, but was unable

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to provide any additional^a information concerning the subject.

Contact of Informants

Certain informants, who are familiar with some phases of Communist activity in the New York City area, were shown a photograph of the subject in June and July, 1960, but were unable to furnish any information regarding the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. NY 100-63755
Bufile 100-142323

4 AUG 1960

Title Leon Nelson

Character Security Matter - C

Reference Report of Special Agent Tony J.
Seabaugh, dated and captioned as
above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 100-142323

Date: 8/9/60

Subject: Leon Nelson
Joe* (Party name)

Date Searched: 12/4/59

Searched And Identical References Found As:

~~Leon Nelson~~

~~Leon Blais~~

~~One Nellie (Nickname & Party name)~~

~~One Nelly (Nickname & Party name)~~

~~Joe Nelson~~

~~L. Nelson~~

~~Nellie Nelson~~

~~Nelly Nelson~~

~~Leonard Niles~~

Also Searched And No Identical References Found As: No further search.

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed, or those determined to contain the same information as the main file.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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J. W. Marshall

*Not searched.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Additional Information

Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Leon Nelson may be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>File Number</u>
Jeanne Bliss Nelson	Wife	100-432544

According to records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, NYC PD, in 1940 a CP Nominating Petition was filed, on which appeared the name of Leon Nelson as a candidate for New York State assemblyman, Kings County, New York.

100-52172-17, p. 29

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SI 121-19914-2 p. 4

(33)

SI 121-33332-21X p. 1A,3

(33)

SI 61-7582-1298 p. 1425 ("Daily Worker of 8/5/40, p.5 as set out in Appendix Pt. IX of 1944 HCUA Report)

SI 124-2165-14 p. 5 (U.S. Civil Service Commission, Regional Office, NYC)

SI 121-19774-18 p. 13

(19)

SI 100-241847-2 p. 2 (NY Board of Elections furnished information to U.S. Army, NYC)

SI 100-241847-1 enc. p. 3 (NY Board of Elections furnished information to U.S. Army, NYC)

SI 121-12407-14 p. 3

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SI 116-374543-2 p. 1

(33)

SI 61-7559-11741 p. 103 ("NY Times" of 11/3/40)

(21)

In March, 1952, it was reported that Leon Nelson had been a functionary of the Neptune Branch of the CP (location not given) in 1940. (Mrs. Esther Goldberg Metzger, undercover agent for Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, NYC PD-protect identity)

Additional information.

121-25439-35 p. 1

(33)

The 11/7/40 issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an item captioned, "Votes Polled by Local Communists." According to the item, Leon Nelson of the Second Assembly District, Kings County, NY, received 4,270 votes.

"Daily Worker" of 11/7/40
61-7559-A
(2)

It was reported in January, 1941, that Leon Nelson had circulated communist literature and that he was seen at least at one meeting of the CP in Dayton, Ohio. (Mrs. Helen Darabos, a member of the "U.E.R.M.W.A. (Seattle) at Dayton, Ohio," Mrs. Darabos had been contacted (date not given) regarding communist matters by Leon Nelson-protect identity)

Additional information.

102-24-11-1 p. 1,7,11
(19)

The 2/15/41 issue of the "Daily Worker" on p. 5 carried an item captioned "Landy's Race Speeded in Final Stage." According to the item, on 2/17/41, four huge wind-up rallies would take place to bring out the vote at the special election on 2/18/41, in New York State's 4th Senatorial District. One of the rallies was to be held at "Public School 253, Brighton 7th Street and Oceanview Avenue," with Leon Nelson as one of the speakers.

"Daily Worker" of 2/15/41
61-7559-A
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The 9/23/41 issue of the "Young Communist Review," official organ of the Young Communist League (subject of file 102-24-35), on p. 3, column 4, listed Leon Nelson as City Secretary of the League at Dayton, Ohio.

102-24-35-2X p. 49
(19)

Jeanne Bliss Nelson was city secretary of the Young Communist League (YCL) (subject of file 61-777-11) in Akron, Ohio, as of July, 1943, and had been a YCL member since May, 1942. She married Leon Nelson, former YCL leader at Dayton, Ohio*, on 4/16/38. Leon Nelson was inducted into the U.S. Army on 4/30/42. [redacted]
[redacted]

61-777-11-20X3 p. 6
(21)

*According to information in Leon Nelson's MF, they were married in Brooklyn, New York on 4/16/38.

In 1940, Leon Nelson was a CP candidate for the New York State Assembly from the Second Assembly District of Queens* County. (Source not given)

During the period from July to September, 1943, Fannie Caller (subject of file 100-13939) received three letters from PFC. Leon Nelson, 7th Station Hospital, APO 700, New York. (Mail cover on Caller's residence, 166 Second Ave., NYC)

100-13939-13 p. 2
(9)

*In MF and in other references, the Second Assembly District was mentioned as being in Kings County.

As of May, 1944, Leon Nelson, 86 West Crozier Ave., Akron, Ohio, was one of the members of the Akron Young Communist League (YCL), who was then in the Armed Services, having been inducted into the Army on 4/30/42. [redacted] a strictly confidential source at Ohio American Youth for Democracy headquarters, Cleveland, Ohio; and a strictly confidential source which furnished information appearing in records maintained by Jeanne Bliss Nelson, Akron YCL city secretary)

61-777-11-66 p. 72
(21)

On 2/17/47, it was reported that Leon Nelson of the Williamsburg Section (location not given), CP, ascertained at the New York State Headquarters of the CP, that Fannie Licht (subject of file 100-227473) was working in the New York State CP's Educational Department and was in charge of speakers. ([redacted])

100-227473-15 p. 7
(31)
SI 140-7173-7 p. 3
(34)

On 6/16/47, there was made available a handwritten note (date not given) from "Bess" DeJong (subject of file 100-169047) to Leon Nelson. In the note, DeJong stated that Ben Gold lived at 70 Ft. Greene Place (city and state not given), and asked Nelson to advise her of his branch. [redacted]

In May, 1947, DeJong was an employee of the Brooklyn, NY CP. [redacted]

100-169047-8 p. 4
(31)

Benjamin Duosin (subject of file 100-197601), campaign manager for Simon Gerson, who was the CP and American Labor Party candidate for councilman from Brooklyn, NY, contacted Leon Nelson on 10/5/48 regarding some outdoor rallies. [redacted]

100-197601-5 p. 7
(31)

By letter dated 3/25/49, ONI forwarded a copy of their weekly subversive summary, dated 3/11/49, in which the following appeared:

An open air mass meeting of Negro and white rank and file longshoremen had been announced for 3/12/49. This meeting was to be held at Columbia and President Streets in Brooklyn, NY. This was the area in which the communists enjoyed the greatest amount of representation in International Longshoremen's Association locals. Leon Nelson, trade union director of the CP for Kings County, had offered a "program" to aid the longshoremen. Nelson emphasized rising unemployment and listed four demands: (1) A Union hiring hall; (2) a 30 hour week, at a wage of \$2.50 per hour; (3) equal job rights for Negro workers; and (4) a 2,240 pound maximum sling load to reduce accidents and furnish more jobs.

(Copy of summary report enclosed)
62-71674-69 enc. p. 1
(21)
SI 62-71674-A ("Daily Worker",
(22) 3/10/49)

On 6/2/49, Leon Nelson, a member of the County Office of the CP, had an appointment to see Sandy Chalfin (subject of file 100-356422), organizer, Williamsburg Section, Kings County CP. [redacted]

100-356422-5 p. 2
(32)

As of September 1949, Leon Nelson was acting as Trade Union Director of the Kings County CP. [redacted]

100-13939-40 p. 1

(9)

On 5/6/55, in Washington, D.C., Mrs Mildred Blauvelt testified before the HCUA. During her testimony she identified those whom she had learned to be members of the Kings County Committee of the Brooklyn, CP. One of these persons was Leon Nelson. According to Mrs. Blauvelt, Nelson was labor director of the Brooklyn CP in 1950. He was chairman of a meeting which the Brooklyn CP held at Webster Hall on 7/11/50. (1955 HCUA Report)

61-7582-2804 p. 973

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At an outdoor rally held 10/9/48, Leon Nelson was instructed to report to Allan Rosenstein (subject of file 100-305109). [redacted]

In the 8/15/48 issue of the "Daily Worker," Rosenstein was described as the CP organizer for the Brighton Beach Section of Brooklyn, NY.

As of 4/26/51, Leon Nelson was chairman of the Trade Union Commission of the Kings County CP. [redacted]

100-305109-6 p. 2

(31)

Leon Nelson was identified as one of the participants in the 1951 May Day Parade held in NYC. He was also identified as a CP member of Kings County. [redacted] made identification from photographs made of the parade.)

100-16912-152 p. 16

(29)

In connection with the investigation to locate Fred Fine (subject of file 100-17738), it was reported in June, 1951, that Leon Nelson, CP member, Kings County, NY, was interviewed (date not given) with negative results.

100-17738-99 p. 2

(29)

Mr. Edgar Conway, Home Indemnity Company, 60 John St., NYC, advised on 10/3/52, that Mrs. Nettie Terestman, wife of Albert Terestman, was a passenger in an automobile involved in an accident in East Hartford, Connecticut, at 3:00 p.m. on 8/17/52. Mr. Conway stated that the car in which Terestman was a passenger was registered to Rose Podmaka (subject of file 100-332135) and at the time was being driven by the wife of Leon Nelson, 1935 East 15th St., Brooklyn, NY. Conway also advised that Leon Nelson and Irene Terestman were also passengers in the car at the time of the accident.

John Lautner, former chairman, Review Commission, New York State CP, advised on 7/5/51, that Albert Terestman, was an individual whom he believed to be engaged directly or indirectly with the CP underground.

100-332135-13 p. 10-11
 (15)
 SI 100-332135-10 p. 3
 (32)
 SI as paragraph 1 above:
 100-351832-12 p. 30
 (32)

The records of the East Hartford, Connecticut, PD showed that an accident had occurred at 4:40 P.M. on 8/17/52 between a 1948 Cadillac Coupe, New York license 2 MD 541, driven by Mrs. Gertrude S. Golding of 8109 Austin St., Kew Gardens, New York, and a 1951 Chevrolet sedan, New York license 5-I 6468 driven by Leon Nelson, age 37, of 1985 East 15th St., Brooklyn, New York; who produced New York driver's license 1647424. This Chevrolet was owned by Rose Podmaka of 3103-23rd St., Astoria, Long Island, New York. The only injury sustained was by Mrs. Nettie Terestman of 610 West 142nd St., New York, who was a passenger in the car driven by Nelson.

100-351832-13 p. 1
 (32)

As of August, 1952, Pearl Schrank, the wife of Norman Schrank (subject of file 100-96046), Brooklyn, NY, possessed the telephone number of Leon Nelson, 1985 East 15 Street, Brooklyn, NY.

On 10/10/52, Leon Nelson was reported to be a CP member who could logically be suspected of engaging in CP underground activity.

100-96046-39 p. 7
 (30)
 SI 100-331642-7 p. 3
 (32)

It was reported on 10/10/52 that Leon Nelson, Brooklyn, NY Trade Union Director, had been an associate of Carl Vedro (subject of file 100-122720) and other CP leaders in the past. [redacted]

Additional information.

100-122720-87 p. 1-2,4
(31)

In January and February, 1953, Mrs. Norman Schrank, wife of Norman Schrank (subject of file 100-96046), was socially in contact with the wives of Carl Vedro, Charles Loman, Ben Duosin and Leon Nelson. [redacted]

The latter four mentioned men were Kings County CP leaders, who as of April, 1953, were active in the CP underground. [redacted]

100-96046-41 p. 4
(30)

On 2/16/53, Leon Nelson was reported to be one of two top CP functionaries in the Bronx, NY area. [redacted]

On 2/16/53, it was also learned that Leon Nelson, Bronx County CP organizer, was one of the few full time paid employees of the Bronx County CP at that time "on the county level." Other such full time employees would include John Lavin (subject of file 100-16660), Bronx County CP organizational secretary, and Arnie Gold, director of the East Bronx area CP, as well as Irene Afterman, director of the West Bronx area. Nelson would be of course associated with these individuals, as well as with Sophie Nasciemento and Connie Jackson, both CP members in the Bronx, NY, area who might also be full time paid employees in an official capacity for the CP in the Bronx County. [redacted]

100-16660-88 p. 7-8
(29)

In March, 1953, it was reported that Leon Nelson was the Bronx County CP organizer operating in the CP underground in the Bronx area, and that his whereabouts had been unknown since about August of 1951. [redacted]

Additional information.

100-99839-238 p. 13-14
(31)

It was reported on 4/28/53 that Toni Friedman (subject of file 100-329278) was well acquainted with Leon Nelson, who was a full time paid CP functionary and the "top man" in the Bronx County CP. [redacted]

100-329278-5 p. 3
(32)

On 5/4/53, Eugene Perlstein stated that "Nellie" was in charge of CP activities in the Bronx, New York, and that the FBI was looking for "Nellie." Nellie was Leon Nelson, former labor secretary of the Kings County CP. [redacted]

100-368138-20 p. 3
(32, 41)

Leon Nelson, who was a former Kings County (Brooklyn, NY) CP organizer, was as of December, 1953, active in the CP underground. [redacted]

100-96046-48 p. 7
(30)

By letter dated 12/14/53, the New York Field Office forwarded a 5/1/49 photograph, as well as the description, of Leon Nelson, aka. Joe Nelson, Nellie Nelson, Leon Bliss, for inclusion in the communist album.

(Photograph enclosed)
100-362719-49 p. 2, 26 and enclosure
(20, 37, 39, 42)

On 1/3/55, there was made available a list of names of persons who had sent correspondence to Governor Herman E. Talmadge of Georgia during 1954, protesting the continued incarceration of Rosa Lee Ingram, who was serving a life sentence for homicide in the State Penitentiary, Reidsville, Georgia. On the list appeared the name of L. Nelson, 2300 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn, NY (Brighton Community Center). (Special Assistant AG George P. Dillard, Atlanta, Ga.-protect identity)

(List enclosed)
100-385291-60 enc. p. 13
(36)

As of March, 1954, Leon Nelson was believed to be active in the CP underground. He had previously been reported active in the Kings County CP. [REDACTED]

100-96046-54 p. 2
(30)

On 4/1/54, Pearl Schrank was in contact with Jean Nelson and Fay Vedro, who were the wives of Leon Nelson and Carl Vedro, missing Kings County CP functionaries. Pearl appeared concerned over finances. [REDACTED]

100-96046-59 p. 1
(30)

A photograph of Leon Nelson, FBI No. 330526-5, among others, was submitted (date not given) to the El Paso, Dallas and Albany Field Offices, in an effort to determine whether he was identical with the unknown subject, was. John Hamilton, John, Bud, in the "Harbary; IS-C" case (subject of file 62-95804). Nelson was not identified as being identical with the unknown subject by [REDACTED] and SAC D.K. Brown of the Albany Office.

This information was submitted by NY report dated 4/26/54.

Additional information.

62-95804-2659 p. 23
(22)

On 7/7/53, Leon Nelson was reported to be a CP organizer in the Bronx, New York operating underground. [REDACTED]

On 5/29/54, Norman Ross was contacted by Leon Nelson, who referred to Norman as "Steve." Ross reminded Leon that his name was Norman. Ross invited Leon and his wife Jean, to visit him at his home in Brooklyn, NY. [REDACTED]

Additional information.

100-44693-144 p. 6,9
(30)

On 6/25/54, it was reported that Harold Klein, with alias George Myers (subject of file 100-106463) of Buffalo, NY, had in his possession a note, dated 6/9/54, addressed to "George", signed "Roy", which read in part as follows:

"3-On the question of the specifics of the available leadership, we will discuss this at a staff meeting. I suggest you have an exchange with Jack and Joe and Nellie over the weekend." [redacted]

The FBI Laboratory advised that the writing in the note above from "Roy" was identical with the writing of David Rosenberg, a known underground leader who was serving in a New York State leadership capacity.

100-106463-154 p. 20
(50)

On 6/9/54 and 6/11/54, Pearl Schrank was in contact with Jean Nelson, wife of Leon Nelson, former Kings County CP functionary, and they planned to visit Prospect Park, Brooklyn, NY, on Sunday, 6/13/54. Pearl indicated she was getting her son, Lennie ready for camp. [redacted]

100-96046-63 p. 4
(30)

On 6/8/54, Leon Nelson tried to contact Joseph Bucholt (subject of file 100-351314) to notify him that a meeting for the next day was changed from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On 6/21/54, Bucholt requested Jean Smith, an employee at CP headquarters, NYC, to have Leon Nelson contact him at his office.

On 7/13/54, Bucholt contacted Simon Gerson, director of the New York Legislative Committee of the CP, and requested that Gerson inform Leon Nelson that Lou Diskin would be unable to cover a meeting as Nelson had wished.

[redacted]
100-351314-28 p. 5-6
(32)

On 7/15/54, "Nellie" (identified as Leon Nelson) attended a meeting (type and place not given) with "Roy" (David Rosenberg, subject of file 100-335451), "Bill," "Fletch" (identified as Oscar James) and Frank (identified as Ralph Glick). As of July, 1954, "Roy" was concerned with defense fund quotas assigned to the various New York City counties and Westchester, and in addition with the procurement of means for the operation of a clandestine apparatus for the CP underground in the New York area, such as apartment, cars, etc. [redacted]

100-335451-306 p. 3
(32, 51)

On 8/10/54, Claudia Jones, secretary, National Women's Committee, CP, requested a person referred to as Arthur, at the New York State CP headquarters, NYC, to have Blanky (Blankenstein) (subject of file 100-369860) or Leon send her her check for the week. [redacted]

The Leon mentioned above was possibly Leon Nelson. (Source not given)

Additional information.

100-369860-48 p. 2-3
(17)

It was learned on 8/25/54, that it was believed that Robert Appel (subject of file 100-1700) was working as the Bronx County CP organizer while the regular organizer, Leon Nelson, was out of town. [redacted]

100-1700-67 p. 2
(8)

In September, 1954, it was reported that "Nellie of the Bronx," believed to be Leon Nelson, through "Sara L," believed to be Sara Lenley, was attempting to line up three items, namely, printer, truck, multigraph operator. This information was contained in an unsigned letter (date not given) on paper watermarked Board of Education, New York. The letter was addressed to Joe, and the letter was in an envelope marked "Roy-J. asked you to handle this." Joe was identified as one of the eight paid full time state CP functionaries. [redacted]

Sara Lenley inquired (date not given) about the names of some printers in the Bronx for Joe, identified as Leon Nelson, so the Party could turn out its own literature. [redacted]

The Joe to whom the above-mentioned letter was addressed was unidentified and not believed to be Leon Nelson who was also using the alias of Joe. (Source not given.)

Additional information.

100-1204-107 p. 1-3

(28, 50)

SI as paragraph 1 above:

100-1204-110 p. 2-3 (Additional
(28) information)

A short time before 9/28/54, information was received that Sara Lenley of 831 Gerard Ave., Bronx, NY, had been acting as a courier for Leon Nelson, CP figure who was for a time, operating in an underground status, but who had as of September, 1954, returned to open Party activities. [redacted]

100-17502-41, p. 1

(29)

On 9/22/54, Si Gerson contacted George Blake Charney and Leon Nelson and told them to be present at a meeting in the "Daily Worker" office with Allan Max. Another person named "Doc" was to be present and the purpose of this meeting was to discuss Party line in regard to the Democratic nominations. [redacted]

During the period 9/22/54 to 9/30/54, an individual, known as "Al" and "Doc," was visiting at CP headquarters, NYC. This individual contacted Si Gerson, George Blake Charney, Leon Nelson and Allan Max at the "Daily Worker" office, 35 East 12th St., NYC. [redacted]

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Leon Nelson was a former Bronx County CP organizer, who operated in the CP underground during 1952-53. [REDACTED]

As of November, 1954, Nelson was working at CP headquarters. [REDACTED]

100-23614-692 p. 2-3, 13
(29)

On 10/10/52, John Lautner, former chairman of the New York State CP Review Commission, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, advised that Leon Nelson was the Kings County CP Trade Union director prior to 1950.

During a CP National Conference held on 8/6/54, at the Yugoslav American Home, NYC, a leaflet was distributed advertising the opening of the 1954 Fall term of the Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS) (subject of file 100-227027), NYC. According to the leaflet, a special course on "Coalition Politics and Electoral Problems" was to be given starting 10/4/54, and Leon Nelson was listed as one of the instructors. [REDACTED]

On 10/12/54, there was furnished the catalog for the 1954 Fall Term of the JSSS, NYC. According to the catalog, Leon Nelson was to teach a class in "Coalition Politics and Electoral Problems (Theory-Practice Workshop)," Section B, on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:15. Admission to this class was to be by interview only. [REDACTED]

On 12/22/54, The 1955 Winter Term catalog of the JSSS was made available, which showed that Leon Nelson was to teach a class on "Wage Struggles and the 'Runaway Shop' Movement," on Monday nights, 6:30-8:15. [REDACTED]

100-227027-546 p. 6, 28, 42, 75
(13)

SI as paragraph 3 above:

100-227027-514 p. 1 [REDACTED]
(13)

As of February, 1955, Joseph Edward Nahem (subject of file 100-344551), 138 Butler Ave., Buffalo, New York, had in his possession considerable detailed CP financial material dealing with week to week CP income and expenses. Among the material was a receipt signed in January, 1955, by Leon Nelson acknowledging possession of dues from Western New York. [redacted] an anonymous source)

This corroborated earlier speculation that Leon Nelson was the intermediary between the newly created Up-State County and New York State CP headquarters. (Source not given)

100-344551-28 p. 8
(15)✓

On 12/24/54, James Jones (subject of file 100-363921), Labor Secretary of the New York State Labor Youth League, had contacted CP headquarters (location not given) in an attempt to locate Leon Nelson.

On 2/17/55, Jones made arrangements to meet Leon Nelson at CP headquarters on a very urgent matter.

[redacted]
100-363921-36 p. 5
(16)✓

As of March, 1955, Leon Nelson, aka. Nellie, had been working in recruiting personnel for the CP Industrial Concentration Program. (Source not given)

Additional information.

100-365530-59 p. 2
(52)✓

On 3/3/55, Leon Nelson was identified as organizational secretary of the New York State CP. [redacted]

Additional information.

100-52537-122 p. 6
(10)✓

On 3/8/55, Leon Nelson, at the headquarters of the New York State CP, NYC, stated that they were being pushed on the question of Labor Editor for the "Daily Worker" and was asked by an unidentified man what were the ideas on Hank (believed to be Henry Farash-subject of file 100-351113). Nelson stated that he was very reluctant to release Hank because he was too important. [REDACTED]

100-351113-174 p. 10
(16)

On 3/14/55, Leon Nelson spoke with a Seymour and a Mr. Cohen, believed to be Seymour Rosenberg (subject of file 100-416154) and Boris Cohen, respectively. Nelson stated to these individuals that he wanted to have "Party Voice," a bulletin issued by the New York State CP, printed as soon as possible and needed 25,000 copies. Nelson also said that if it could not be printed it would have to be mimeographed. [REDACTED]

Rosenberg was employed at the Prompt Press, 113 Fourth Avenue, NYC. [REDACTED]

Boris Cohen operated the Prompt Press. [REDACTED]

100-416154-9 p. 6
(18)

On 3/17/55, Leon Nelson, at New York State CP Headquarters, NYC, remarked that Janet Sillen (subject of file 100-215760) up in Westchester, head of the American Youth Congress (AYC), State Chairman, during an unspecified period, had very broad mass contacts. Nelson stated that for many years Janet Sillen had been devoting her time to raising her children and now wanted to get out. Nelson stated he felt that she could be released, however, there was a problem about her commuting. No additional information was available to clarify Nelson's statements concerning Janet Sillen. [REDACTED]

100-215760-9 p. 5-6
(13)

On 2/17/55, there was made available a letter which was in the possession of Stephen John Wayne (subject of file 100-365530), dated "Wednesday 2-16," addressed "Dear Nate," and signed "Art." The writer asked Nate to make some arrangements for him to meet Nellie.

By letter dated 4/1/55, the Laboratory advised that they had concluded that the handwriting of "Art" was identical with that of Stephen John Wayne.

On 4/2/55, in NYC, Stephen John Wayne met with Leon Nelson and Bernard Leon Schuldiner (place not given)

Additional information.

100-365530-66 p. 4,25-26
(17, 52)

Stephen John Wayne had listed the following in his appointment book for 4/3/55, "77 Fifth Avenue, NI 5-1682 1200." (Confidential sources)

The address 77 Fifth Avenue, Third Floor, front, NYC, was a location utilized by numerous CP front groups. The phone number NI 5-1682 was listed to Leon Nelson, 1985 East 15th St., Brooklyn, NY. (Source not given)

100-351780-80 p. 1,3
(32)

On 4/3/55, Stephen John Wayne met with Bernard Leon Schuldiner (subject of file 100-351780) and Leon Nelson at the Airline Terminal, First Avenue and 38th St., NYC. The three conversed together for about 25 minutes with Nelson doing most of the talking to Wayne. Nelson and Schuldiner left Wayne at the terminal. (Fisur)

On the same day, Nelson and Schuldiner together visited the premises at 334 or 338-40 East 15th St., NYC, and remained for about 45 minutes. Schuldiner then returned to 77 Fifth Avenue, NYC. (Fisur)

Early in 1955, it was reported that Leon Nelson might be the open CP organizer for the New York State CP.

100-351780-86 p. 1,4,11
(16)

On 4/12/55, Leon Nelson and Tony Lombardo conferred (place not given) regarding the Edward Corsi dismissal by the State Department and Lombardo's coming attempt to reactivate the committees to repeal the McCarran Act in Westchester County, New York. Nelson stated an attempt would be made to get Corsi to speak at a meeting of a committee to repeal the McCarran Act. Nelson also stated that a meeting of the Italian Commission (not further described) would be held on 4/14/55 to discuss the Corsi incident and for the purpose of revitalizing the Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act. Nelson indicated that the CP would attempt to promote a big bi-partisan meeting in June to discuss the Corsi incident and the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act legislation. [redacted]

100-376056-46 p. 16

(17)

SI 140-7876-86 p. 1, 1a

(34)

On 4/13/55, Leon Nelson of the New York State CP stated that Leon of the Fur Workers desired a good CP cadre in the Fur Workers Union. The Leon referred to by Nelson was believed to be Leon Straus (subject of file 100-70441), executive secretary of the Furriers' Joint Board. [redacted]

100-70441-50 p. 2

(11)

On 4/13/55, there took place at CP headquarters, NYC, a conversation between two individuals believed to be Leon Nelson and Bernie Friedlander, New York State CP officials. Nelson stated he had spoken to George (believed to be George Blake Charney) about the "beaten guy" in Brooklyn, NY. Nelson stated the guy had a chip on his shoulder and felt it was beneath his dignity to be a regional organizer after being a furriers' organizer. Nelson further stated the fellow had not applied himself and he was in a mess with the comrades. Nelson said he would take the matter up with the staff on Friday (presumably 4/15/55). [redacted]

100-230879-28 p. 1

(13)

On 4/22/55, Leon Nelson, NY State CP organizer, stated that Ralph Glick was in charge of the May Day affair in NYC and after the affair, Glick would be considered for a new job, possibly as a section organizer in the Yonkers, NY area. On this same day, Nelson and Glick discussed the May Day celebration [redacted]

100-16912-318 p. 2
(29)

On 3/25/55, a discussion was held at New York State CP headquarters, NYC, concerning a May Day celebration. Leon Nelson, who reportedly was acting in a New York State CP leadership capacity, suggested that the motivation behind May Day, 1955, be political in nature and that May Day should be a public demonstration supporting such things as the United Automobile Workers of America-CIO, and against General Motors. Nelson further stated that telegrams should be sent to the Governor of New York backing demands for a minimum wage and a "Big Four meeting." According to Nelson, the "left" and the CP must look upon May Day as a demonstration that was not only traditional but something that played a part for labor, peace and political motives. [redacted]

Leon Nelson was in attendance at the 1955 May Day Celebration held at Union Square, NYC, on 4/29/55. (Fisur)

100-16912-429 p. 1-3
(10)

On 4/29/55, Samuel Coleman (subject of file 100-257770) was in contact with Leon Nelson and they discussed the problem of help at the office of the New York State CP headquarters, NYC. [redacted]

100-257770-138 p. 4-5
(14)

On 4/29/55, during a discussion held at the New York State CP headquarters, NYC, Leon Nelson mentioned Julie Kurtz (subject of file 100-365957) as a possibility for the position of organizing secretary in Westchester (County). [redacted]

100-365957-43 p. 1,3
(17)

On 5/2/55, Leon Nelson talked to Philip Bart (subject of file 100-3284) about the Puerto Rican Smith Act subjects. They discussed lawyers, bail money, and the part that the CP leadership should play in their defense. [REDACTED]

100-3284-508 p. 14
(9)

On 5/3/55, one Herb (possibly Herb Wheeldin) at New York State CP Headquarters, NYC, told Leon Nelson that he needed some assistance on his finances because "Jack" (possibly Benjamin Duosin) (subject of file 100-197601) did not bring any money to the last meeting. [REDACTED]

100-197601-68 p. 1
(12)

On 5/9/55, there was made available material which was in the possession of Stephen John Wayne, underground CP organizer, Syracuse, NY area on that date. Included in the material was a letter, dated 5/6/55, addressed "Dear Nellie" believed to be Leon Nelson, and signed "Art." In the letter Art asked to see Nellie in New York during the week end of May 14th, 1955. Entire letter set out in reference. [REDACTED]

In May, 1955, Nelson was residing at 1985 East 15th St., Brooklyn, NY, and was probably the New York State open CP organizer. [REDACTED]

100-215456-131 p. 2
(13, 51)

On 5/6/55, Leon Nelson, New York State "chairman" of the CP, indicated that Joseph Bucholt was a member of the New York County Staff of the CP. [REDACTED]

100-362555-1550 p. 3
(16)

On 5/9/55, it was reported that Bernie (believed to be Bernard Friedlander) told Nellie (believed to be Leon Nelson) that a guy in Queens was expelled for associating with Jack (believed to be Jack Rinsler). [REDACTED]

100-366318-6 p. 1
(17, 41)

On 5/5/55, Leon Nelson, secretary of the New York State CP, advised Robert Appel (subject of file 100-1700) that a meeting of the county organizers was to be held at the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc., 405 W. 41st St., NYC, on 5/11/55. The topics to be discussed were the NAACP and the peace question. [redacted]

On 5/11/55, Nelson was observed entering and leaving the above-mentioned Home. (Fisur)

100-1700-70 p.1
(8)

On 5/31/55, Leon Nelson stated that he and Abe Magil (subject of file 100-18314) were going to CP headquarters at 268 Seventh Ave., NYC, for a meeting, the nature of which was undisclosed. [redacted]

100-18314-146 p. 3
(10)

In June, 1955, Leon Nelson was the organizational secretary of the New York State CP. [redacted]

Additional information.

100-352611-54 p. 6
(16)
SI 100-410767-13 p. 1,3,5
(18) (Additional information)

On 6/6/55, there was made available material which had been in the possession of Nate Zeppetello, 1417 Lodi Street, Syracuse, New York. In the material was a note believed to have been written by Leon Nelson (CP functionary). The note was dated "Sat," addressed "Hello Nat:", and signed "Nellie." In the note it was stated that the date of the State executive meeting was changed to Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15 (year not given) at the Yugoslav Hall. On Saturday night there was to be a banquet for George Blake. Entire note set out in report. [redacted]

On 3/31/55, [redacted]-protect identity, advised that Robert Clark Johnston (subject of file 100-215456) had an appointment scheduled for 4/3/55, with the person whose telephone number was NI 51682 (believed to mean Nightingale).

The above telephone number was the New York City telephone number of Leon Nelson. (Source not given)

100-215456-140 p. 6,24
(13, 41)

On 6/10/55, Martha Stone (subject of file 100-1578) met at National CP headquarters, NYC, with a group which included Leon Nelson. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the problems confronting the CP in the Harlem Section of NYC with regard to organization, leadership and membership. [redacted]

Additional information.

100-1578-404 p. 5,7,28
(8)

On 6/12/55, it was reported that Bernice Estelle Turoff (subject of file 100-370693) and her family accompanied (date not given) Irving Goff and family, Evelyn Irsay and family, and Leon Nelson to Niagara Falls, New York, for a picnic. [redacted]

As of June, 1955, Leon Nelson was the New York State CP secretary. (NY 694-S)

100-370693-35 p. 3-4
(17)

On 6/13/55, Leon Nelson, New York State CP organizational secretary, and Irving Goff left Goff's residence, 179 Butler Ave., Buffalo, NY, and went to the residence of Evelyn Irsay, 34 Butler Ave., Buffalo. (Fisur)

In 1955, Irsay was organizational secretary, and Goff was organizer for the Upstate County, New York State CP. [redacted]

100-257199-49 p. 6-7
(14)

During the period of 3/8/55 to 6/16/55, Bernard Friedland (subject of file 100-108100) was in contact with Leon Nelson on numerous dates. [redacted]

100-108100-61 p. 29,52
(12)

On 6/20/55, there was made available a letter, dated "Monday," addressed to Nate, signed by Leon Nelson. According to this letter, Nelson of the Labor Youth League at NYC, was planning to visit Nate. Zeppetello (subject of file 100-214962) in Syracuse, NY.

Additional information.

100-214962-48 p.21,27-29 and enc.
(13, 50) p. 3,5-6

On 6/21/55, Leon Nelson was at the residence of Saul Wellman in Detroit, Michigan, at which time the following individuals were present.

William Allan (subject of file 100-17879)
Coleman Young
Claude Lightfoot
Phil Bart
Nat Ganley
Tommy Dennis
Josip Farber
Sam Kushner

100-17879-142 p. 4
(10)

As of 5/31/55, Stephen John Wayne (subject of file 100-365530) had in his possession a letter addressed to James Miller, dated 5/25/55, and signed "Love, Irene." (Irene was identified as Irene Mandel who was, at that time, using the name of Irene Goldman.) In this letter, Irene stated "...I got home one day last week... and that was just to pack a suitcase to go visit my friends for the weekend. I made tentative arrangements to move in with them for a while-that is what I understand from having seen our friend last week. I saw his wife this week-but I haven't heard from him since I saw him last. I guess he's okay. The family is." (This was believed to refer to either Leon Nelson or Bernard Leon Shuldiner, both active in the CP underground in New York at that time.)

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As of 6/30/55, Wayne had in his possession a letter (date not given) with the return address "I. Mandel, care of Edinburgh, 1584 West 172nd Street, Bx. 72, New York," which was signed "Love, Irene." In this letter, Irene stated "...I'm happy to hear that you are finally getting to some conclusion and that you had a chance to talk things over with N (believed to be Leon Nelson, wa. Nelly)..."

[REDACTED]

100-365530-88 p. 9

(17, 42)

SI as paragraph 1 above:

100-413605-4X1 p. 3

(18)

On 8/22/55, Leon Nelson, while at the New York State CP headquarters, discussed the American Labor Party (ALP). In the discussion Nelson indicated that there was a very wide gap between enrollees and those willing to participate on a day to day basis with the ALP. Nelson said it was his opinion that it would be necessary to organize a "left-progressive" political party between this time and 1956, which would play an important role in the exposure of the Republican Administration and certain Southern Democratic Reactionaries. According to Nelson, they had a good case for continuing the ALP.

[REDACTED]

100-25869-220 p. 4, 26

(10)

On 8/24/55, Irving Goff (subject of file 100-99839), while in New York City, stated that he had made arrangements to see Leon Nelson. [REDACTED]

On 6/15/55, it was reported that Leon Nelson had mentioned that he was very impressed with Goff's organizational work in the Buffalo, NY area. Nelson further stated that in 1950 when he visited Buffalo, he could not find a CP organization. [REDACTED]

On 5/24/55, Leon Nelson stated that a steel conference was being set up and that six CP districts would be represented, and that Irv Goff would probably attend as a representative from the New York District. [REDACTED]

Additional information.

100-99839-496 p.3-5,9-10,12-14,16

(11)

On 8/31/55, it was reported that, according to Leon Nelson, organizational secretary, NY District CP, the attorney for Israel Kwatt (subject of file 100-72889) was a former District Attorney in Cleveland, Ohio, a Republican, and a former U. S. Attorney. Nelson said that the attorney told Kwatt that he was willing to take the case, not because it was forced on him, but because he had always been against the Smith Act and wanted to get in court to take a serious swing at it. Nelson went on to state that the attorney, when asked why he had not spoken up before, replied that it was more advisable and sensible in the past not to do so but that he thought it was now time to speak up. [REDACTED]

100-72889-464 p. 15
(11)

On 9/6/55, Leon Nelson requested that the following message be placed in the "Daily Worker":

"The New York State Committee of the Communist Party extends its deepest sympathies to Dorey and Yolanda (subject of file 100-394399) Wilkerson on the recent death of their mother. Signed George Blake."

In December, 1955, George Blake Charney was then chairman of the New York District of the CP. (CG 5824-S*)

Additional information.

100-394399-14 p. 12-13
(17)

On 7/13/55, Leon Nelson of NYC was in communication with Ignatius Zeppetello (subject of file 100-214962), 1417 Lodi Street, Syracuse, NY.

Again on 8/29/55, Nelson was in contact with Zeppetello, relative to a "shindig" that Nelson was planning for 9/9/55 at the Yugoslav Hall, NYC.

Nelson was in contact with Zeppetello again about 9/1/55 and 9/12/55.

[REDACTED]
100-214962-51 p.10,22-23,25
(13)

On 9/14/55, Leon Nelson, Sam Coleman and Benjamin Duostin were observed to depart from 111 E. Houston St., NYC. (Fisur)

The building at 111 E. Houston St., NYC, bore a sign advertising rooms for meetings and social functions for rent. Previously this building had been utilized by CP members ostensibly for a meeting place. (Source not given)

100-330932-72 p. 3
(14)

On 9/19/55, one Bernie, probably Bernie Friedlander, told an unknown individual that Nellie, probably Leon Nelson, had left on 9/18/55 "to go up there." Bernie said he was going to leave Monday night and would meet "Nellie" on Tuesday morning, which would be 9/20/55. [REDACTED]

100-104799-1294 p. 1
(11,50)

As of July, 1955, Leon Nelson was the executive secretary of the New York State CP. [REDACTED]

On 9/20/55, Leon Nelson arrived at Irving Goff's residence in the Buffalo, NY area. Earlier the same day, Bernard Friedlander (subject of file 100-108100) had arrived at the Goff's residence. Nelson, Friedlander and Goff planned on going to Rochester, NY, on the following day. [REDACTED]

Additional information.

100-108100-63 p. 1-2
(12)

On 8/24/55, Irving Goff of Buffalo, NY, contacted Leon Nelson in NYC and inquired if Bernie was around. [REDACTED]

New York Office concluded that the Bernie referred to above was Bernie Friedlander.

On 9/21/55, Leon Nelson, Irving Goff and an unknown subject Bernie went to Rochester, NY, from Buffalo, NY. From Rochester, Nelson and Bernie left, presumably to return to NYC. [REDACTED]

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New York Office advised that it appeared that the unknown subject Bernie might be identical with Bernie Friedlander.

Additional information.

*100-104799-1297, p. 1-3
(11)*

On 9/22/55, it was reported that Leon Nelson mentioned two comrades, husband and wife, who resided in the same building as he did (1985 East 15th St., Brooklyn, NY). Nelson said the man had been in the Party as long as he (Nelson) had; the man dated back to "NSO" days in Brooklyn College evening sessions; and he read the "Daily Worker." Nelson remarked that whenever five people got together and they had nothing to talk about, they'd talk about the fact that "Harry, that dirty miserable bum," did not come to meetings.

[REDACTED]

A review of the indices of New York office showed that Harry Kass (subject of file 100-338180) and Lillian Kass resided at 1985 E. 15th St., Brooklyn, NY.

100-338180-4 p. 7
(15)

On 9/23/55, a man contacted one Nellie at the New York CP State headquarters, NYC, and advised that he wished to get in touch with Al Terestman. The caller stated that his telephone number was listed under the name of Al Lutzky in Manhattan. [REDACTED]

It was not definitely established that Albert Lutzky (subject of file 100-356603) was the individual who contacted the State CP headquarters as mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

100-356603-102 p. 3
(51)

On 9/30/55, a meeting was held at the New York State CP headquarters, NYC. It was mentioned at the meeting by Leon Nelson that Bernie Shuldiner (subject of file 100-351780) was to be assigned as regional head to the Schenectady Sub-District in the North Eastern part of New York. [REDACTED]

100-351780-97 p. 3
(16)

In October, 1955, Renna Klein, New York CP official, discussed with Leon Nelson and other New York CP officials the approach made to John Lavin (subject of file 100-16660) by FBI Agents. Klein stated that Lavin had personally told her that the FBI contacted him on the street and indicated to him that he, Lavin, was getting a bad deal from the CP. About this time, Leon Nelson and other CP officials had been considering reassigning Lavin to another position within the CP. [REDACTED]

100-16660-115 p. 3
(9)

During a meeting held on 9/30/55 at New York State CP headquarters, NYC, Leon Nelson lead a discussion regarding "comrades" willing to go into various industries. [REDACTED]

On 10/5/55, Fritz Moorhead (subject of file 100-397993) was in conversation with Nellie (believed to be Leon Nelson), concerning their appointment that day. They decided to change the appointment to the next day. [REDACTED]

On 10/7/55, a meeting, apparently of the New York State CP staff, took place at New York State CP headquarters, NYC, and Nellie (believed to be Leon Nelson) acted as chairman of this meeting. [REDACTED]

100-397993-8, p.9
(18,52)

On 8/25/55, Leon Nelson met Charles Loman (subject of file 100-330932) at the Horn and Hardart Cafeteria, Borough Hall, Brooklyn, NY, at 9:35 a.m. Nelson and Loman remained in the cafeteria until 10:10 a.m. when they departed and separated. (Fisur)

On 10/13/55, it was reported that Leon Nelson had stated that Loman, once he had returned (from the "underground" to the "open party") had kept in touch with him (Nelson) every other day regarding his assignments. [REDACTED]

100-330932-74 p. 1,3-4
(14)

On 10/14/55, Leon Nelson, organizational secretary of the New York State CP, was making arrangements for the visit of Pablo Garcia Mendez, treasurer of the CP of Puerto Rico. In this connection, Nelson stated that the New York State CP would "encourage" the Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS) (subject of file 100-227027), NYC, to organize a Sunday evening forum for Mendez, who was scheduled to be in the New York area during November, 1955.

On 10/21/55, Nelson stated that there would be a conference of New York State CP organizational secretaries on 11/2/55, at the JSSS building.

[redacted]
100-227027-549, p. 22
(13)

On 10/26/55, there was made available an address book which appeared to be in the handwriting of Sophie Goff (subject of file 100-420703). The significance of names in the address book was not known. There appeared in the book, the name of Nellie (Leon Nelson), NI 5-1682." [redacted] an anonymous source)

100-420703-2 p. 2
(18, 52)

On 10/28/55, a meeting, believed to be a meeting of the New York State CP, was held at the CP headquarters, NYC. Leon Nelson stated during this meeting that the services of "Jewish Life" (subject of file 100-38759) might be used to distribute a CP leaflet which would incorporate the views of the CP on the Israel and Middle East conflict. [redacted]

100-38759-41 p. 6-7
(10)

Leon Nelson, secretary of the New York State CP, had stated in October, 1955, that by means of house parties in the various counties of New York, \$1,000 had been raised for the "Families Committee." [redacted]

At a meeting of CP members in November, 1955, Leon Nelson stated that even though the Families of the Smith Act Victims Committee (subject of file 100-384313) was badly in need of funds, the Committee had decided to try to raise money for the families of the Puerto Rican "Smith Act Victims." [redacted]

100-384313-37 p. 8-9
(17)

A meeting of the Council for Personal Freedom scheduled for 11/2/55 at the Jefferson School of Social Science, NYC, was not held. Those present, because they were not notified of the cancellation of the meeting, included Leon Nelson, New York CP functionary. During an unofficial meeting held by those present, Leon Nelson said that Pablo Garcia of Puerto Rico would be in the New York area during November, 1955, and the New York State CP desired the Council to arrange for the holding of gatherings in private homes for Garcia. Nelson promised that the County CP organizations would be alerted by him on 11/3/55 to give their full cooperation in this matter. Peggy Dennis, according to Nelson, planned to make funds available to the families of the Smith Act Victims of Puerto Rico through the Families of the Smith Act Victims Committee. [REDACTED]

100-412902-8 p. 4-5

(18)

SI 100-420922-2 p. 2,5

(19)

Leon Nelson was identified (date not given) as organizational secretary of the New York State CP. [REDACTED]

On 9/6/55, an individual believed to be Leon Nelson contacted an individual believed to be Dave Gordon, at CP headquarters, NYC. Nelson asked Gordon if he had received the note concerning Sam (believed to refer to Sam Coleman) going to Buffalo on the Noto case. Dave told Nelson that he had received the note. [REDACTED]

On 11/3/55, Florence Noto (subject of file 100-364499), during a conversation with Irving Goff, told him that she had received from her attorney a report of the decision made by the Circuit Court of Appeals, NYC, upholding the \$30,000 bail on her husband. Goff became excited at this information and told Noto to obtain a copy of the court decision, and to send a copy to Sam Coleman in NYC. Noto said she had already made a call to Coleman but he wasn't there so she talked with Leon Nelson. Nelson had told her to send the report of the decision by the Court and she should go ahead with the attempts to raise bail. [REDACTED]

100-364499-52 p. 11-12, 15-16

(16)

On 11/15/55, Nellie (Leon Nelson) contacted George (George Blake Charney-subject of file 100-330660) at New York State CP headquarters, NYC. George told Nellie that he and Hattie (Hattie Charney) had decided to get a new car. They could get a Buick car through Esther Letz who was working with a certain agency, at a reasonable price. George then told Nellie that they would put up \$1,000 and asked if they could finance the other \$1,000 in the regular way or try to borrow it "here." Nellie replied that he thought George could get it here. He stated that "we can work that out." [redacted]

100-330660-99 p. 17
(14)

On 11/16/55, it was reported that Leon Nelson at the New York State CP Headquarters, NYC, stated that one Abe Osheroff (subject of file 100-160996) was going into the CP Jewish work. [redacted]

100-160996-44 p. 9
(12)

On 10/6/55, Leon Nelson stated that his wife, Jeanne Nelson, was a CP section organizer. [redacted]

On 11/16/55, Nelson remarked that George Kirschner was the Brooklyn Organizational Secretary of the CP. [redacted]

100-171586-13 p. 3-4
(12)
SI as paragraph 2 above:
100-110487-54 p. 8
(12)
SI as paragraph 2 above:
100-362677-147 p. 52-53, 63
(16)
SI as paragraph 2 above:
100-424067-2 p. 2
(19)
SI as paragraph 2 above:
100-13939-52 p. 3
(9)

On 10/7/55, a meeting of the New York State CP staff was held at CP headquarters, NYC. Leon Nelson discussed personnel problems. He proposed that a committee of George, Norman and himself (believed to be George Charney and Norman Schrank) be set up to act as a clearing house for matters other than staff questions. [redacted]

On 11/8/55, Leon Nelson attended a meeting at the CP national headquarters, NYC. Organizational matters were discussed. [redacted]

On 11/16/55, Leon Nelson mentioned that there was a little steering committee in the State CP, composed of himself, Norman and George. [redacted]

On 11/21/55, Nelson told Robert Fogel that the State CP staff was interested in having Norman Schrank (subject of file 100-96046) head the youth campaign. [redacted]

On 11/23/55, Leon Nelson was at 111 East Houston St., NYC. (Fisur)

Additional information.

100-96046-80 p. 3 and enc.p. 3-5,9
(11)

While at the New York State CP headquarters, NYC, on 9/30/55, Leon Nelson stated that Jack Karan (subject of file 100-166849-97) who had been out of active participation was to be assigned to industry. [redacted]

On 10/21/55, among items in the NY State CP headquarters, there was a cash receipt for \$15.00, dated 10/12/55, made out to the East Side Circle Club and initialed "L.N." [redacted]

On 11/8/55, Nelson had an appointment with Jack Karan. [redacted]

An organization known as the East Side Circle Club held meetings in Room 202, 111 East Houston St., NYC, on October 12 and 26, November 9 and 23, 1955, and on 1/4/56. On 11/23/55, Leon Nelson was identified as the person who paid for rental of Room 202 on the dates mentioned. (Benjamin M. Pincus, manager, National Theater Bldg, 111 East Houston St., NYC-protect identity)

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It was also reported that the NY State Board of the CP held meetings in Room 202 of the above-mentioned building on October 26, November 9 and 23, 1955, and on 1/4/56. [redacted]

100-166849-97 p. 4-6
(12)

On 11/30/55, it was reported that the New York State CP headquarters, NYC, paid \$75 monthly toward "Vida Hispana," a Spanish language newspaper published in the Bronx, NY (subject of file 100-408783). It was believed that it was no longer being published. Concerning the latter statement, Leon Nelson stated, "This is not so. I saw it every month." [redacted]

100-408783-13 p. 4
(18)

Leon Nelson of New York City sent a Christmas Greeting card in 1955 to Betty Gannett (subject of file 100-8029) at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va. (Mary L. Cottrill, parole supervisor, Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va.- protect identity)

100-8029-279 p. 6
(9)

On 9/30/55, a New York State CP meeting was held at CP headquarters, NYC, during which Leon Nelson proposed that Michael Davidow (subject of file 100-315) be assigned to the Teamsters Section. [redacted]

During a 10/7/55 New York State CP staff meeting held at CP National headquarters, NYC, Nellie, believed to be Leon Nelson, stated that returning comrades such as Mike, believed to be Michael Davidow, should be placed in some specific assignment. [redacted]

On 11/4/55, Leon Nelson arranged for Mike to attend a staff meeting (date not given) at the CP headquarters, NYC. [redacted]

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On 11/11/55, Leon Nelson stated there would be a NY State CP Staff meeting on the following Friday, so that as many of the staff could attend a maritime meeting at 7:30 p.m. to be held (date not given) at the Jefferson School of Social Science. Nelson advised that this proposed meeting of the maritime was to be incorporated with a longshore meeting. [REDACTED]

As of 12/8/55, Leon Nelson was the New York State CP District #2 organizer. (CG 5824-S)

100-315-248 p.1-4,7
(8, 49)

On 9/28/55, a meeting (believed to be of the National Administrative Committee of the CP, USA) took place at CP National Headquarters, 268 Seventh Ave., NYC. Claude Lightfoot, chairman of the National Administrative Committee of the CP, addressed the meeting, stating that its purpose was to get the consensus of the comrades' opinions in order to prepare some sort of document summarizing the main conclusions drawn from a tour of the Michigan area a few months previously. Lightfoot said that the Commission (believed to refer to a commission consisting of Lightfoot, Phil Bart and possibly Leon Nelson, Sam Coleman and Jim Faber, which had been dispatched in the Detroit area to examine the Party setup there) went into the Michigan District as a result of a meeting in the Central (believed to refer to the Central Board or Committee of the CP) at which Saul (believed to be Saul Wellman) brought up questions and problems regarding Party organization, the status of the Party, and how the Party should function (presumably in regard to the Michigan area). [REDACTED]

At a 11/11/55 meeting of the New York State CP staff, at New York State CP headquarters, NYC, Leon Nelson stated that they would take up the matter of the legislative functions to be held at the Jefferson School of Social Science. Nelson also stated that Sam Coleman would take the paper on the civil rights and civil liberties at the legislative conference. [REDACTED]

On 11/16/55, Leon Nelson characterized Sam Coleman as a very sensible, very sound individual, one of the best with whom he had ever worked. [REDACTED]

On 11/23/55, a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held at 111 East Houston St., NYC. The meeting was primarily concerned with labor youth work, and Leon Nelson was nominated and seconded for chairman of the meeting. [REDACTED]

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On 12/12/55, a meeting (not described) was held at the New York State CP headquarters, NYC. The meeting was called to order by Leon Nelson who announced that Sam Coleman would talk on educational work. [redacted]

Additional information.

100-257770-149X p. 7-8, 10-11, 15,
(14) 19, 23

At a meeting at the New York State CP headquarters, NYC, on 11/28/55, Leon Nelson discussed the literature setup.

A meeting was held on 12/12/55 at New York State CP headquarters, NYC, during which Leon Nelson remarked that an individual named Gus was trying to get out of literature and that Norman Schrank was trying to get Hy Wallach (subject of 100-170829) for the position.

[redacted]
100-170829-14, p. 6-7
(12)

On 12/12/55, a discussion took place (place not stated) between Leon Nelson, Belle Sundeen, fund raiser for the "Daily Worker," and Joe Dermer, a publisher of the "Daily Worker." The discussion concerned arrangements for the "Daily Worker's" 32nd anniversary celebration to be held in January, 1956. Nelson proposed that Rob Hall (subject of file 100-7219) or others on the paper prepare slogans for the affair to be submitted to CP headquarters so that the State and National comrades could decide on them.

100-7219-252 p. 8
(9)

On 10/6/55, a meeting was held at the New York State CP headquarters NYC. Leon Nelson spoke on the registration drive. [redacted]

On 1/8/56, Leon Nelson and Charles Loman (subject of file 100-330932) arranged to meet (date and place not given) to discuss a prospective meeting. [redacted]

Additional information.

100-330932-75 p: 1,3-4,8
(15)

At a meeting of the New York State CP officials at CP headquarters, NYC, on 11/4/55, Leon Nelson remarked that at a Board meeting (CP State Board) on the 23rd (11/23/55) a second point on the agenda would be "Youth Work" with the Labor Youth League preparing the report. [redacted]

In November and December, 1955, and in January, 1956, there was made available petty cash vouchers and other financial records of the New York State CP which were in possession of CP headquarters, 268 Seventh Ave., NYC. These records contained the following notation:

"Another petty cash voucher schedule contained a notation 'Jan Sub \$200 RF,' for 12/3/55, and for 1/10/56, a notation 'LYL contribution, leaflet on South approved by L.N.' (Leon Nelson) to 'RF' (Robert Fogel) for \$250 was noted. [redacted]"

100-362555-2068 p. 1c,35,37
(16)

On 11/29/55, Tony Lombardo (subject of file 100-1487) contacted Leon Nelson at CP headquarters in NYC. [redacted]

On 1/10/56, Leon Nelson was present at the Hungarian Restaurant, 2141 Southern Blvd., Bronx, NY, at the time the Bronx County Committee of the CP meeting was being held. (Fisur and Photograph surveillance)

100-1487-41 p. 4
(8)

On 1/12/56, during a friendly discussion in Buffalo, NY, between Harold Klein and Irving Goff (subject of file 100-99839), it was mentioned that one Jack, believed to be Jack Karachunsky worked in his brother's store. The brother (name not given) was Nellie's (Leon Nelson) assistant. [REDACTED]

100-99839-503 p.3
(11/41)

By letter dated 1/12/56, the New York Field Office forwarded an improved photograph of Leon Nelson for inclusion in the communist album. Photograph taken on 10/28/55.

(Photograph enclosed)
100-362719-289 p. 15, 23 and enc.
(1)

On 1/17/56, Leon Nelson, at the NY State CP headquarters, NYC, advised Jean Smith that they planned to move a week from that Friday (presumably 1/27/56). Nelson asked Jean to have Jerry (believed to be Gerald Daly, subject of file 100-241993) when he arrived, "gather up on the loose items." [REDACTED]

100-241993-30 p. 2
(14)

On 11/21/55, Leon Nelson at New York State CP headquarters, NYC, told Bob Fogel that he had heard a report of a maritime convention which would be good for Fogel to look into. He stated that there was a new development regarding youth in the maritime industry and that Joe Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, made it a point to search out youngsters, almost all married men under 30 years of age, and put them into leadership. (CG 5824-S*)

It was reported on 4/13/56, that at a State CP functionaries meeting, held at the Jefferson School of Social Science, Leon Nelson was introduced as "State Organizational Chairman." [REDACTED]

Additional information.

100-340600-847 p. 1, 10-12
(15)

On 5/3/56, Bernard Shuldiner, organizer for the Northeastern Subdistrict, New York State CP, contacted Leon Nelson, top New York State CP functionary to verify if Sam Coleman (subject of file 100-257770) would be present in the Schenectady, NY area on May 6, 7, and 8, 1956. Nelson advised Shuldiner that Coleman would be unable to be there for the first two days, but that someone would be up to take his place and Coleman would probably be there on 5/8/56.

[REDACTED]

On 5/3/56, Nelson contacted David Rosenberg, former NY State underground director, and made arrangements with Rosenberg to substitute for Coleman on May 6 and 7, 1956, in the Schenectady area.

[REDACTED]

100-257770-151 p. 1
(14)

On 5/10/56, it was reported that the origin of the Charney-Trachtenberg Defense Committee, aka. Joint Self-Defense Committee (JSDC) (subject of file 100-420921) took place about a year prior to May, 1956, during general discussions concerning CP defense activities. These discussions were entered into by Si Gerson, Leon Nelson, and other CP functionaries in a meeting place on Fifth Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets in NYC. The actual organization of the Committee occurred at a meeting held at the Jefferson School of Social Science in NYC (date not given), which meeting was chaired by Sam Coleman. The JSDC was actually a CP operation, not merely a front group which they were attempting to control. The CP supported JSDC financially and such personnel as Sam Coleman and Si Gerson were actually CP personnel.

[REDACTED]

100-420921-11 p. 8
(18)

On 11/14/55, Leon Nelson held a discussion with Robert Appel (subject of file 100-1700) at New York State CP headquarters, NYC, concerning the means of increasing press circulation. [redacted]

On 1/19/56, at New York State CP headquarters, NYC, Robert Appel agreed with Leon Nelson that there was a weak regional organizer in the Bronx. Appel also spoke of trying to put out a publication which would cost them between \$5,000 and \$6,000 a year. [redacted]

On 1/19/56, "Stretch" Johnson received information from an unknown man that a staff meeting was to be held in the Bronx, at the "Book Shop" at 807 East Tremont Ave. on 1/23/56. [redacted]

On 1/23/56, Leon Nelson was present at the premises at 807 East Tremont Ave., Bronx, NY. (Fisur)

On 5/14/56, Leon Nelson asked Robert Appel at CP National headquarters, NYC, to arrange to have the meeting which was scheduled for the following morning switched to Thursday morning. Appel told Nelson he would let him know if it could be arranged. [redacted]

Additional information.

100-1700-75 p. 1,3-5,8
(8)

On 3/13/56, Leon Nelson, who was at New York State CP headquarters, NYC, contacted Jack Karan (subject of file 100-166849) and discussed a meeting held in Brooklyn, NY, the previous night which Karan had attended. [redacted]

On 5/21/56, Jack Karan contacted Leon Nelson at New York State CP headquarters. Nelson asked Karan to keep the date of 6/6/56 open for a couple of hours in the morning. Nelson stated that they would have the usual business which they had set out and he also wanted to go into the situation around "that industry." Karan advised Nelson that he had spoken to another individual on the previous night about obtaining a speaker on Wednesday, but that he wanted Nelson to check on this again. Karan added that the subject of the speaker would be the "National Committee, the Plenum." [redacted]

Additional information.

100-166849-98 p. 2-4
(12)

On 1/25/56, James Jack Green (subject of file 100-24088) taught a class in "Labor and Politics in 1956" at the Jefferson School of Social Science, NYC. He was substituting for the regular instructor, Leon Nelson, who could not be present that evening. ([redacted] protect identity)

On 5/23/56, Leon Nelson called Green and they arranged to meet on 5/25/56 at the New York State CP headquarters, NYC. [redacted]

100-24088-314 p. 5,8
(10)

On 5/16/56, Simon Gerson (subject of file 100-52537) was in contact with Leon Nelson at the New York State CP headquarters, NYC, regarding defense strategy to be used at the trial in the case of U.S. versus Trachtenberg, Et Al, then in progress in U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, NYC.

On 6/12/56, Gerson was again in contact with Leon Nelson. On this occasion, Gerson requested that Nelson contact local Party people for the purpose of having some of them in court the next day as spectators.

[redacted]
100-52537-131 p. 8-9
(10)

On 4/6/56, Leon Nelson attempted to arrange a meeting with Leon Letwin (subject of file 100-365437). [redacted]

As of 6/24/56, Leon Nelson was organizational secretary of the New York City CP District. (CG 5824-S)

100-365437-61 p. 9
(17)

On 6/25/56, there was made available a letter dated 5/23/56, addressed to Nate Zeppetello (subject of file 100-214962), 1417 Lodi St., Syracuse, NY, and signed by "Nellie." This letter discussed the distribution of reports by "Dennis and Weiss." Entire letter set out in report. [redacted]

On 4/17/55, Nate Zeppetello was in the company of an individual who was subsequently identified as Leon Nelson. (Fisur)

The "Daily Worker" in its issue of 6/29/56, p. 2, column 1, identified Leon Nelson as the organizational secretary of the New York State CP.

100-214962-53 p. 10,14
(51)

Leon Nelson was employed by the New York State CP during the period 3/30/56 to 6/29/56. [REDACTED]

On 7/30/56, Nelson contacted Alfred Abraham Eisenberg (subject of file 100-1546) to inquire whether Eisenberg would be out of town that day. Eisenberg replied that he would not and went on to relate to Nelson that he had enjoyed his recent vacation, during which he spent some time in Stoddard, New Hampshire, and the Cape. [REDACTED]

As of 8/3/56, Eisenberg was an official in the Queens County New York State CP. (NY 694-S)

100-1546-97 p. 1,6
(8)

On 8/28/56, Paula (WNU) contacted Leona Edinburg at the New York State CP Headquarters. During the conversation, Leona asked Paula if Carl (possibly Carl Vedro) (subject of file 100-122720) was in. Paula replied that he was, and Leona stated that Leon Nelson was going to call him shortly. [REDACTED]

Additional information.

100-122720-124 p. 6,9
(12)

On 9/5/56, it was reported that Leon Nelson had expressed interest in spending a few days at Arrow Farm (subject of file 100-354632), Monroe, New York. [REDACTED]

100-354632-31 p. 9-10
(16)

On 9/26/56, a meeting of the New York State Committee of the CP was held at the Jefferson School of Social Science in NYC. Leon Nelson called the meeting to order. The whole theme of this meeting was whether to change the CP. [REDACTED]

100-351780-116 p. 8
(16)

New York City telephone number Nightingale 5-1682 was contacted on October 2, 12, 18, and 27, 1957, by someone at the residence of Emanuel Ehrlich (subject of file 100-406380), Hackensack, New Jersey.

On 6/25/58, Edward L. Braune, Legal Office, New York Telephone Company, NYC, advised that his records showed that the above-mentioned telephone number was registered to Leon Nelson, 1985 East 15th St., Brooklyn, NY.

Additional information.

100-406380-19 p. 5
(18)

The following references in the file captioned CP, USA, pertain to the activities of Leon Nelson, an official of the CP.

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

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<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Search Slip Page Number</u>
65-58068-249	(45)
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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source and additional non-pertinent information will be noted on the search slip.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : *Mr. J. F. Bland* *JB*DATE: *August 17, 1960*FROM : *Mr. T. D. Rushing* *TR*SUBJECT: *LEON NELSON*

Tolson _____
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 Belmont _____
 Callahan _____
 DeLoach _____
 Malone _____
 McGuire _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Trotter _____
 W.C. Sullivan _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Ingram _____
 Gandy _____

The case on the above-captioned individual has been reviewed by the Department and the subject's name approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

The memorandum showing departmental approval dated August 5, 1960, is located in Bureau file 100-398030 Serial 2707.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-142323)

DATE: 1/13/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON aka

SM-C

OO: NY

Cards UTD
Cards Sent 00

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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name		
Aliases		
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		100-142323-
Residence Address 2345 East 1st Street, Brooklyn, New York		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-142323)

DATE: 7/21/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON, aka
SM-C
OO:NY

Cards UTD
Cards Sent 00
8/2/61
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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name		
Aliases		
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Add: M. Silverman Laces, Inc.		
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Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____		
Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address		

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1- NEW YORK (100-63755)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 7/24/61	Investigative Period 6/25/61-7/12/61
TITLE OF CASE LEON NELSON aka		Report made by CRETON G. SAMELLAS	Typed By: tb
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER-C	

SYNOPSIS

REFERENCE:

NY report of SA TONY J. SEABAUGH, dated 8/4/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext on 7/5/61 was made by SA CRETON G. SAMELLAS by a telephone call to FRANK I. FIORENZA, 2345 East First Street, Brooklyn, NY, (ES 5-6723) under the guise of a credit inquiry.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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DATE FOR **8/2/61**
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The suitable pretext on 7/7/61, was conducted by SA SAMELLAS by a telephone call to subject's place of employment, M. Silverman Laces, Inc., NYC, (OX 5-0355) under the guise of being an associate of the subject.

The records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, NYC, as checked on 7/6/61 by IC JOHN F. GOOD reflected that JEANNE NELSON, born 11/13/16, residing 2345 East First Street, Brooklyn, NY, held a 1961 automobile registration, license number 9K2145, for a 1960 Chevrolet, grey sedan. Subject's wife, JEANNE NELSON (Bufile 100-432544 and NY 100-35203) is on the SI.

INFORMANTS

Identity
of Source

File No.
where
Located

NY T-1

Instant report ✓

(By request)

The confidential informants mentioned in the details of the report contacted during July, 1961, who could furnish no information concerning the subject are identified as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
	7/5/61	SA JOHN A. HAAG
	7/5/61	SA JOHN A. HAAG
	7/6/61	SA JOHN A. HAAG
	7/6/61	SA JOHN A. HAAG
	7/6/61	SA ROBERT P. SMITH
	7/6/61	SA ROBERT P. SMITH
	7/7/61	SA JOSEPH T. O'LEARY
	7/7/61	SA JOSEPH T. O'LEARY
	7/12/61	SA JOHN LANGTRY
	7/18/61	SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH
	7/18/61	SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) June, 1957.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____ when contacted under the Toplev Program by Bureau Agents in June, 1957, NELSON stated that he would not speak with or discuss anything with the FBI. Subject's wife, JEANNE BLISS NELSON, was interviewed under the Toplev Program in August, 1958, and advised she had nothing to discuss with the FBI. In view of above, and since there has been no additional information indicating a change in subject's attitude toward interview, it is felt that recontact for interview under the Toplev Program at this time is not warranted.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
the subject attended a reconvened NY State CP Convention held in NYC March, 1957. (See report of SA RAYMOND RAMER, dated 7/10/57, at NY.) *Attended meeting of present & former "right wing" CP members 3/18/58 - Ser. 123. Also see ser. 118.*

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: CRETON G. SAMELLAS
Date: 7/24/61

Office: NEW YORK

Field Office File No.: 100-63755

Bureau File No.: 100-142323

Title: LEON NELSON

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 2345 East First Street, Brooklyn, NY, and is employed as Office Manager by M. Silverman Laces, Inc., 101 West 37th Street, NY, NY. Confidential informants contacted in July, 1961, could furnish no information concerning the subject or his activities.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence

On July 5, 1961, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), by means of a suitable pretext, ascertained that the subject resides with his family at 2345 East First Street, Brooklyn, New York. It was also determined from this pretext that subject rents an apartment at instant address.

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B. Employment

NY T-1 on July 5, 1961, made available information / reflecting that LEON NELSON, born November 5, 1915, was employed as Office Manager by M. Silverman Laces, 101 West 37th Street, New York, New York.

A Special Agent of the FBI, by means of a suitable pretext on July 7, 1961, ascertained that the subject is employed as Office Manager by M. Silverman Laces, Inc., 101 West 37th Street, New York, New York.

C. Miscellaneous

NY T-1 made available information on July 5, 1961, reflecting that LEON NELSON was married on April 16, 1938, and that his wife, JEANNE NELSON, was born November 3, 1916. A daughter ~~RONNIE NELSON~~ was born [redacted] and a son ~~BARRY NELSON~~ was born on [redacted].

2345 - EAST FIRST STREET BKLYN. N.Y.

ADDRESS FOR BOTH -

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the New York City area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject during July, 1961, and they advised that they could furnish no information concerning the subject or his activities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 24, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

Bureau 100-142323

New York 100-63755

Title Leon Nelson

Character Security Matter-C

Reference Report of Special Agent Creton G.
Samellas, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 8/18/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/18-8/6/62
TITLE OF CASE LEON NELSON aka		REPORT MADE BY WAYNE L. BEALS	TYPED BY caa
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

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10/1/62 BERL

REFERENCE:

NY report of SA CRETON G. SAMELLAS, dated 7/24/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The pretext on 8/6/62 was conducted by SA WAYNE L. BEALS. The nature of this pretext was that of a bank inquiry regarding sending correspondence to the subject at his place of employment.

Subject's wife, JEANNE BLISS NELSON, Bufile 100-432544; New York file 100-35203, has been recently recommended for deletion from the SI.

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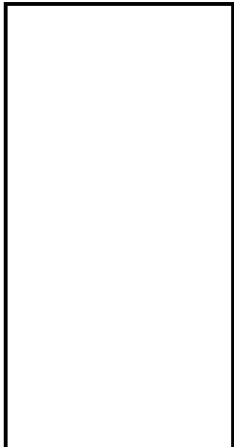
As there has been no subversive activity on the part of the subject since he attended a reconvened NY State CP Convention, held in March, 1957, this case is being handled in accordance with Bureau letter, dated 10/16/61.

INFORMANTS:Identity of SourceFile # Where Located

NY T - 1
CG 5824-S*

Used to characterize
JEANNE NELSON

The informants, mentioned in the details of this report as having no knowledge of the subject, are as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
	5/28/62	JOSEPH T. O'LEARY
	5/29/62	JOSEPH T. O'LEARY
	5/28/62	JOSEPH T. O'LEARY
	6/5/62	ROBERT P. SMITH
	6/6/62	ROBERT P. SMITH
	5/31/62	CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH
	6/5/62	JOHN A. HAAG
	6/5/62	JOHN A. HAAG
	6/1/62	JOHN A. HAAG
	6/5/62	JOHN A. HAAG
	6/1/62	JOHN A. HAAG
	6/6/62	JOHN A. HAAG
	6/12/62	JOHN F. LANGTRY

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will interview the subject under Toplev or SAC authority.
2. Will consider the subject for deletion from the SI upon completion of the above mentioned interview.

*#1 handled - See Ser 136 -
No need to follow #1
as retention justified - Close
per Ser 136.*

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2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☒ This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason)

the information attributed to NY T - 1 tends to reveal the identity of a confidential source of continuing value, which if divulged, would compromise its future effectiveness and thereby prove injurious to the national defense.

8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 6/25/57.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

See leads:

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

See leads.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to:

Report of: WAYNE L. BEALS Office: New York, New York
Date: AUG 9 1962
Field Office File No.: 100-63755 Bureau File No.: 100-142323
Title: LEON NELSON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: NELSON residing 2345 E. First St., Brooklyn, NY, and employed as an office manager for M. Silverman Laces, Inc., 101 W. 37th St., NY, NY. Some informants contacted during May and June, 1962, and could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence

Mrs. CAMILLO DE FILLIPPO, 2343 East First Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA WAYNE L. BEALS on July 27, 1962, that LEON NELSON and his wife, JEANNE NELSON, resided at 2345 East First Street, Brooklyn, New York.

B. Employment

Through a pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 6, 1962, it was ascertained that

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the subject was then employed as an office manager for M. Silverman Laces, Inc., 101 West 37th Street, New York, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Spouse

NY T - 1 advised between February 9 and 15, 1957 that JEANNE NELSON was a delegate to the Sixteenth National Convention of the Communist Party between February 9 and 12, 1957, at the Chateau Gardens, East Houston Street, New York, New York, and attended at least one session of the convention.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Other informants, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, were contacted during May and June, 1962, at which time, they advised they had no knowledge of the subject. At the time that these informants were contacted they were exhibited a photograph of the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
August 9, 1962

Bureau 100-142323
New York 100-63755

Title Leon Nelson

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to report of Special
Agent Wayne L. Beals, dated
and captioned as above.

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G. DeLoach
Reilly

Ad. [unclear]
[unclear]

UPI-177

(COMMUNISTS)

WASHINGTON--A NEW YORK MAN REFUSED TODAY TO SAY WHETHER HE HAS BEEN GUSTED FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERSHIP FOR ADVOCATING MORE DEMOCRACY IN PARTY AFFAIRS.

LEON NELSON OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., INVOKED THE FIFTH AMENDMENT 50 TIMES BEFORE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES.

NELSON, DESCRIBED AS THE FORMER NEW YORK STATE COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY, WOULD GIVE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ONLY HIS NAME AND ADDRESS. HE REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS DURING NEARLY AN HOUR ON THE WITNESS STAND.

NELSON WAS THE FIRST WITNESS IN A NEW INVESTIGATION OF CURRENT COMMUNIST PARTY OPERATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE SOURCE SAID THE INQUIRY WOULD SHOW THAT THE U. S. PARTY HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THE SHIFTING COURSE OF RUSSIAN COMMUNISM UNDER SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV AND THROWN OUT ANY AMERICAN MEMBERS WHO ADVOCATED INDEPENDENT ACTIONS.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE PLANNED TO CALL FOUR PRESENT AND FORMER COMMUNIST TOMORROW TO DEVELOP THIS THEME.

IT WOULD NOT IDENTIFY THE WITNESSES IN ADVANCE, BUT EARLIER REPORTS WERE THAT THE SUBPOENA HAS BEEN ISSUED TO BENJAMIN DAVIS, A TOP LEADER OF THE U. S. COMMUNIST PARTY NOW. ✓

NELSON, A SLIGHT BUILT QUIET VOICED MAN, WAS ASKED IF HE HAD NOT SPENT SOME 20 YEARS IN PARTY WORK ONLY TO BE DUMPED IN 1956 FOR SUGGESTING THAT PARTY MEMBERS BE GIVEN MORE VOICE IN COMMUNIST AFFAIRS. HE REFUSED TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION AS WELL AS WHETHER HE HAD PROPOSED THAT THAT THE U. S. COMMUNIST PARTY TAKE A POSITION INDEPENDENT OF THE RUSSIAN IN ORDER TO QUIET CHARGES THAT ITS MEMBERS WERE FOREIGN AGENTS.

A COMMITTEE EXPERT, FRANK MCNAMARA DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE OPERATING STRUCTURE OF THE U. S. COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH HE SAID WAS DESIGNED SOLELY TO MAKE SURE THAT PARTY ACTIVITIES MOVED ALONG LINES DICTATED BY MOSCOW.

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Top Ex-Commies Subpoenaed

House Probes Fate Of Expelled Reds

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—A House un-American Activities Subcommittee called an expelled Communist party leader today in an effort to find out what happens to U.S. Communists who fail to toe the party line.

He was identified as Alexander Bittleman, and described by committee sources as a charter member of the U.S. Communist party who was expelled from the party in 1960 as a "deviationist"—in the Soviet lexicon, one who deviates from Communist policy.

There have been published reports that Benjamin Davis, the party's national secretary, also will be called, but the committee declined to confirm this. A staff member said, however, that three witnesses besides Bittleman have been subpoenaed who are or have been high in the Communist party command.

The committee got no cooperation yesterday from the first such witness, Leon Nelson. Nelson gave his address as 2345 E. First St., Brooklyn, then invoked the Fifth Amendment 50 times in refusing to answer any questions.

Committee counsel Alfred M. Nittle, through questions, portrayed Nelson as rising through the party until he became organizational director of the New York State Communist party.

In 1957, Nittle said, Nelson was abruptly deposed after he complained the party was monolithic, undemocratic and subservient to the Soviet Union.

Quoting from speeches and articles he said Nelson wrote, Nittle pictured Nelson as highly critical of the way the party was run. This was at the time of the worldwide upheaval in Communist ranks caused by Soviet Premier Khrushchev's disclosure of the crimes of Josef Stalin, which he related to delegates at the international Communist party's 20th congress in 1956.

Nelson refused to answer any questions about this or confirm that the articles and speeches were his. He also declined to say whether he now is a party member.

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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
TOPLEV
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

LEON NELSON
SECURITY MATTER-C
(OO:NY)

DATE: 10/23/62

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On 10/23/62, at the intersection of Avenue of the Americas and 37th St., NYC, LEON NELSON was approached by SA JOHN J. MATTIMORE for the purpose of conducting an interview under outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev Program. SA PHILLIP M. BROOKS observed from nearby.

When approached, NELSON acknowledged his identity and in a friendly manner entered into conversation with the interviewing Agent who had also identified himself.

During this conversation, NELSON kept insisting that he had nothing to say and that he had no information that would be of value to the FBI.

Efforts were made to convince NELSON that perhaps an appointment could be made, at his convenience, where the matter could be discussed fully and that perhaps he could be shown what information he might have of value.

NELSON became evasive and stated that if he had any information or thought he had any information of value he would call and tell the FBI.

At the conclusion of the interview, NELSON agreed to think the matter over but stated he was sure he could be of no help to the FBI.

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The interview was terminated. However, since NELSON was not unfriendly and did enter into conversation with the Agent, coupled with the fact that he did agree to think over the solicitation of the Agent, it is felt that a recontact is warranted. Therefore, the subject will be recontacted within the next 45 days.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

DATE: 11/26/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755)(P)

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - TOPLEV
IS - C
LEON NELSON
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYlet dated 10/23/62.

NELSON was recontacted under provisions relating to the Toplev Program on 11/15/62 on the Avenue of the Americas at 37th Street, New York City. The interview was conducted by SA PHILLIP M. BROOKS and was observed by SA WILLIAM C. MARTIN from a nearby location.

As on the interview on 10/23/62, NELSON readily acknowledged his identity and immediately stated he did not wish to engage in a discussion or conversation concerning himself or his past activities. He stated that he considered the past a closed book and that anything that he might have to say concerning it would not benefit the F.B.I. He inferred that he could offer no information which the Bureau does not already possess and that any further discussion of the matter would be a waste of time. The interview was terminated when it was apparent that NELSON was not disposed to talk of the CP or his connections with it.

NELSON was cordial and friendly throughout the interview, however, he remained firm in his refusal to be drawn into a conversation concerning his activities. No further efforts will be made to recontact him at this time and the results of this interview will be incorporated in the next report prepared in this case.

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TITLE OF CASE LEON NELSON aka		REPORT MADE BY WAYNE L. BEALS	TYPED BY hdj
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCES:


New York letter to the Bureau dated 11/26/62.
New York report of SA WAYNE L. BEALS dated 8/9/62.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The pretext of 12/5/62 was made by SA WAYNE L. BEALS. The nature of this pretext was that of an attempt to contact the subject.

The physical surveillance of 11/15/62 was conducted by SAS PHILIP M. BROOKS and WILLIAM C. MARTIN.

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Subject's wife, JEANNE BLISS NELSON, Bufile 100-432544, NY file 100-35203, has been recently deleted from the Security Index and has been placed in RIB of the NYO.

As there has been no subversive activities on the part of the subject since he attended a reconvened New York State CP convention held in March, 1957, this case has been handled in accordance with Bureau letter dated 10/16/61.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await the Bureau's decision in regard to the New York Office's recommendation that subject be deleted from the SI.

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3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 6/25/57, 10/23/62, 11/15/62.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

Current interview set forth in instant report.

9. ☒ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☐ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

WAYNE L. BEALS

Office: New York, New York

Date:

December 14, 1962

Field Office File No.:

100-63755

Bureau File No.: 100-142323

Title:

LEON NELSON

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

NELSON resides at 2345 East First Street, Brooklyn, New York and employed as an Office Manager for M. Silverman Laces, Incorporated, 101 West 37th Street, New York, New York. When approached for interview by Bureau agents on 10/23/62 subject advised he had nothing to say to the FBI or nothing of value to furnish the FBI. When approached by Bureau agents on 11/15/62 subject stated he did not wish to discuss himself or his past activities with the FBI.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence

Through a pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SA of the FBI) on December 5, 1962, it was ascertained that the subject was then residing at 2345 East First Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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B. Employment

On November 15, 1962, SAS of the FBI observed the subject at his place of employment, M. Silverman Laces, Incorporated, 101 West 37th Street, New York, New York, where he is employed as an Office Manager.

II. INTERVIEWS

On October 23, 1962, at the intersection of Avenues of the Americas and 37th Street, New York, New York, LEON NELSON was approached by SA JOHN J. MATTIMORE for the purpose of interview.

This contact was observed by SA PHILIP M. BROOKS. NELSON insisted that he had nothing to say and that he had no information that would be of value to the FBI. NELSON agreed to think the matter over but stated that he could be of no help to the FBI.

NELSON was recontacted on November 15, 1962, on the Avenues of the Americas and 37th Street, New York, New York, by SA PHILIP M. BROOKS. This contact was observed by SA WILLIAM C. MARTIN. As on the interview of October 23, 1962, NELSON stated he did not wish to engage in a discussion or conversation concerning himself or his past activities.

He stated that he considered the past a closed book and that anything that he might have to say concerning it would not benefit the FBI. He inferred that he could offer no information which the Bureau does not possess already and that any further discussion of the matter would be a waste of time.

The interview was terminated when it was apparent that NELSON was unwilling to talk of the Communist Party or his connections with it.

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III. DESCRIPTION

The following description was obtained during the course of the above mentioned interview on November 15, 1962:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Approximately 47
Height	5' 10"
Weight	Approximately 175 lbs.
Hair	Brown - graying
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Light

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-142323)

DATE: 12/14/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755)(P)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON aka
SM - C

ReNYrep of SA WAYNE L. BEALS dated and captioned as above.

As there has been no subversive activities known to the NYO on the part of the subject since he attended a reconvened New York State CP Convention held in March, 1957, this case has been handled in accordance with Bureau letter dated 10/16/61.

It is noted that the subject has had a long history of CP activities. He joined the YCL in 1934 and a year later joined the Communist Party. He served as functionary of the YCL until 1942 when he joined the United States Army. After his army service he was a leading CP functionary in Brooklyn, New York, holding the position of Trade Union Director, Kings County CP from 1949 to 1951..

He operated in a CP underground as a Bronx County CP organizer.

In 1954 he was organizational secretary of the Bronx County CP. The last half of 1955 he was an instructor in the Jefferson School of Social Science. In 1955 and 1956 he was organizational secretary, New York district, CP.

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Subject was a JOHN GATES supporter in the factionalist fight.

At the interview by Bureau Agents on 6/25/57, he stated "I'm sorry, gentlemen, I can't discuss CP activities with you and I can't cooperate in any way but I can tell you that I am no longer in the CP. I walked out of the Party several months ago and want nothing more to do with the Party."

The agents asked NELSON if he received good treatment with the Party for the personal sacrifices made by him in carrying on any Party activities by engaging in the underground while his family suffered as a result of his findings.

NELSON smiled and remarked "I wish I had it to do over again. It would be different". NELSON stated that he spent many years in the CP movement and went into the movement of his own accord and also came to the decision to leave the Party as a result of his own thinking.

He stated that he wanted to have nothing more to do with the Party and as far as he was concerned the party "could fold-up". NELSON remarked that his main concern at the present time was to keep his position and make a living to support his wife and family.

On June 15, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON referred to the subject as one of that "slimey" crowd from Brooklyn, who was anti-CP.

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In view of the above it is recommended that the subject be deleted from the SI.

In the event the subject is deleted from the SI, he will be placed on RIB in the NYO.

SAC, New York (100-63755)

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LEON NELSON
SECURITY MATTER - C

1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Rachner

Reurlet 12/14/62.

Subject's name is being retained in the Security Index at this time. Although he reportedly left the Communist Party in 1957, his extensive history of Communist Party leadership coupled with the lack of evidence indicating any clear ideological break with communism, continues to characterize him as potentially dangerous and would justify his detention in event of an emergency.

Thoroughly re-evaluate this matter at time of your next annual report.

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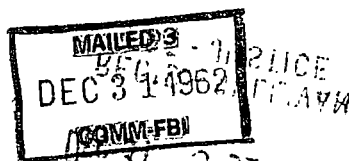
Nelson, whose CP history dates back to 1934, was top CP functionary for many years. He operated in CP underground in early 1950's and in mid-1950's supported Gates and right-wing in CP factionalist fight. He quit CP in 1957 due to disgust with CP leadership and policy. He has been interviewed several times since 1957 and has refused to cooperate. He publicly pleaded Fifth Amendment before Congressional Investigating Committee in 1961.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-142323) DATE: 5/14/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK(100-63755)

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SUBJECT: LEON NELSON aka
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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Office Manager, M. Silverman Laces, Incorporated 101 West 37th Street New York, New York		
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Interested Agencies _____		
Residence Address _____		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-142323)

DATE: 8/9/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755)(c) *fasted*

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON aka
SM - C
(OO:NEW YORK)

ReNYreps of SA WAYNE L. BEALS, dated 8/9/62 and 12/14/62;
NYlet to Bureau, 12/14/62; Bulet to NY, 1/2/63.

A review of NELSON's case file fails to reflect any
unreported subversive information concerning the subject subsequent
to referenced reports.

Subject resides at 2345 East First St., Brooklyn, NY,
as determined by pretext telephone call on 6/20/63, by SA JOHN J.
DUNLEAVY, who posed as a friend of the subject in speaking
with the owner of the residence at 2345 East First Street,
Brooklyn.

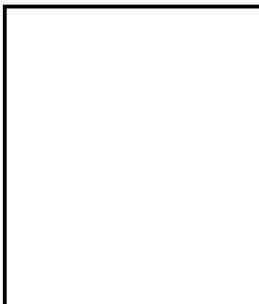
By means of an anonymous telephone call to the
subject's employment on 6/20/63, SA DUNLEAVY determined that
NELSON is Office Manager for M. Silverman Laces, Inc., 101
West 37th Street, NY, NY.

The following confidential informants were shown
a photograph of the subject, as indicated below, and all
advised they could furnish no information concerning the subject:

Informant

Date Contacted

Contacting Agent



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7/16/63
7/19/63
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7/25/63
7/29/63

SA ROBERT P. SMITH
SA JOHN F. MALLEY
SA JOSEPH T. O'LEARY
SA JOHN A. HAAG
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SA JOHN A. HAAG
SA JOHN F. LANGTRY

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The subject's spouse JEANNE BLISS NELSON, Bureau file 100-432544, NY file 100-35203, is on Section B of the Reserve Index of the NYO.

NELSON's daughter RONNY JANE NUSS, Bureau file 100-436124, NY file 100-146467, is on Section B of the Reserve Index of the NYO.

FD-122 is being submitted recommending deletion of subject from Detcom.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 6/25/57, 10/23/62, 11/15/62.
☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
 He was uncooperative when contacted on above occasions.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of his extensive history of Communist Party leadership and the fact that he operated in a CP underground as a Bronx County organizer, along with the fact that his Communist activity dates back to 1934. It is noted that reBulet dated 1/2/63, instructed that subject's name be retained on the SI.
10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile-100-142323)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON aka
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(OO: NEW YORK)

DATE: 8/12/63

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Date of Birth	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)	
Key Facility Data	
Geographical Reference Number	Responsibility
Interested Agencies	
Residence Address	

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
May 12, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bufile 100-142323
NYfile 100-63755

Re: Leon Nelson

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Nelson resides at 2345 East 1st Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed as Office Manager at M. Silverman Laces, Incorporated, 101 West 37th Street, New York, New York.

He is a white male, American, born November 5, 1915, at New York City, five feet, ten inches in height, 175 pounds, black hair, graying, hazel eyes, small build, with a light complexion.

Sources who have furnished reliable information in the past, have advised that Nelson joined the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1934, and the Communist Party (CP) a year later. He was a functionary in the YCL until 1942. In 1946 he became affiliated with the Fort Green Section, Kings County (KCCP) and was Organizer of the Williamsburg Section, KCCP in 1947 and 1948. He was a member of the Kings County Board, CP, USA, in 1948, and in the same year was a full-time functionary of the Williamsburg Section, CP, USA. In 1949, he was a member of the Kings County Trade Union Committee, KCCP, and became Chairman of the same in 1950. In 1951 he was in charge of Security of the KCCP and was County Organizer in 1952. He operated in the CP underground as Bronx County Organizer in 1952 and 1954. In 1955 and 1956, he was Organizational Secretary of the New York District CP, and was employed at the New York State CP Headquarters, New York, New York. He became State Organizational Chairman of the CP in 1956 and attended the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA in February, 1957, and the New York State CP Convention in March, 1957, both at New York, New York. In May, 1957, he was reported to have "walked out" as a result of dissatisfaction with the results of the New York State CP elections.

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by I. D. [illegible]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-142323)

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755) (C)

SUBJECT:

LEON NELSON aka
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(OO: NY)

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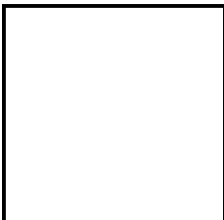
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ReNYlet to the Director, 8/9/63, captioned as above.

The subject resides at 2345 E. First Street, Brooklyn, NY, and is engaged as the Office Manager, M. Silverman Laces, Inc., 101 W. 37th Street, NY, NY. This data was verified by means of pretext telephone calls both made by SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH. The pretext establishing the residence was an inquiry by telephone for the subject at his residence. The inquiry at his employment was for the subject at the switchboard and information was elicited that he was then out to lunch. The pretext establishing the residence of the subject was made on 7/25/64 and that which established the employment was made on 7/27/64.

A review of the case file in the NYO and the records of the BSS, NYCPD, reflect that there is no unreported information concerning the subject.

The following informants were contacted on the dates indicated and were shown a photograph of the subject. None of them were able to furnish any information concerning him:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
	7/13/64	JOHN F. MALLEY
	7/14/64	JOHN F. MALLEY
	7/16/64	JOHN F. MALLEY
	7/9/64	JOHN A. HAAG
	7/8/64	JOHN A. HAAG
	7/7/64	JOHN A. HAAG

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
	7/7/64	JOSEPH T. O'LEARY
	7/7/64	JOSEPH T. O'LEARY
	7/7/64	JOSEPH T. O'LEARY
	7/9/64	JOHN F. LANGTRY

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5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____

7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 6/25/57, 10/23/62, 11/15/62
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
the subject has been uncooperative in the past and there is no reason to believe that his attitude has changed.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____
of his extensive history of CP activity and leadership together with his experience as a CP underground leader. Bureau letter 1/2/63, instructed that the subject's name be retained on the SI.

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-142323)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755) (C)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON aka
SM-C
(OO:New York)

DATE: 8/17/65

Posted
8/17/65

*NY FD 205-7/30/65
WBS by 8/24/65*

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 8/3/64, captioned as above.

This letter is being submitted in lieu of an annual report.

Residence and Employment

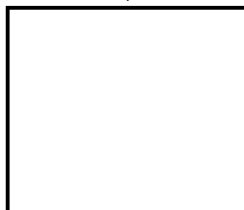
On 7/20/65, a pretext (personal friend) telephone call was made by SA RAYMOND T. JACKSON, to the subject's residence, 2345 E. 1st St., Brooklyn, NY (telephone number NI 5-1682) at which time it was determined that LEON NELSON is currently residing thereat. This information was obtained from an individual who identified himself as the subject's son.

On 7/20/65, a pretext (business associate) telephone call was made by SA RAYMOND T. JACKSON to the switchboard operator at M. Silverman Laces, Inc., 1001-6th Ave., NY, NY, (telephone number OX 5-0355) at which time it was determined that the subject is presently employed by that concern as the Secretary of the company.

Informants

EX 110 REC-66 / 100-142323-141

During June and July, 1965, a photograph of the subject was exhibited to the following informants who are acquainted with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area with negative results:



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2-Bureau (RM)
1-New York

RTI:upk



7 AUG 25 1965

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Sub. Control

NY 100-63755

Administrative

A review of the subject's case file and the indices of the NYO reflect no pertinent unreported subversive information concerning the subject.

NY 100-63755

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____
7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 6/25/57, 10/23/62, 11/15/62
☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
when contacted on the above dates, he was uncooperative. It is felt that the subject offers no informant potential.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) **of the subject's extensive history of CP leadership, coupled with the lack of evidence indicating any clear ideological break with Communism. The subject was a former leader in the CP underground. Bureau letter dated 1/2/63, instructed that the subject's name be retained on the SI for the above reasons.**
10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) _____



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 22, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 100-142323
 NYfile 100-63755

7-27

SUBJECT:

LEON NELSON

REFERENCE:

Memorandum dated 5/12/64.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Secretary, M. Silverman Laces, Inc.,
 1001 6th Avenue, New York, N.Y.

100-142323-

NOT RECORDED

16 JUL 23 1965

FD-122 DETACHED

Copy to LS
 by routing slip for
☒ info ☐ action
 date 8-26-65
 by R. W. H. / cs

SUBV CONTROL
7/27/65

55 AUG 27 1965

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Am/B

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-142323) DATE: 7/22/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)Cards 000
Cards Sent CO
7/28/65
am☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name	
Aliases	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized <input type="checkbox"/> Alien
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race _____ Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth _____	Place of Birth _____
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Secretary, M. Silverman Laces, Inc. 1001 6th Avenue, New York, New York	
Key Facility Data	
Geographical Reference Number _____	Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____	NOT RECORDED
Residence Address _____	16 JUL 23 1965

2-Bureau (RM)
1-New YorkREGISTERED MAIL 1965 RTJ/cmc
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M. F. ROW

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : *Am/B*

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-142323)

Post
DATE: AUG 16 1966

UTD
8-18

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755) (C)

SUBJECT:

O
LEON NELSON aka
SM - C
(OO:NY)

mb

Re NY letter to the Bureau dated 8/17/66.

This letter is being submitted in lieu of an annual report. Through a pretext by SA WAYNE L. BEALS on 8/9/66 (inquiry as to subject house number) it was ascertained that the subject then resided at 2345 East 1st Street, Brooklyn, NY.

Through a pretext by SA WAYNE L. BEALS on 8/9/66 (bank inquiry as to correct address of company and whether subject still employed there) it was ascertained that subject was employed as secretary, M. Silverman Laces, Inc., 1001 6th Avenue, NY, NY.

Indices of the NYO contained no subversive information not previously reported.

Records of the Bureau of Special Services, NYC Police Department, were checked 7/31/66 by SA AUGUST J. MICEK however, no subversive information was located concerning the subject. *S*

The following informants were checked during July, 1966 and exhibited a photograph of the subject however, they could furnish no information concerning the subject:

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2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - New York
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(3)

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AUG 17 1966

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by routing slip for
☒ info ☐ *info*
date *8-24-66*
by *PRF/csa*

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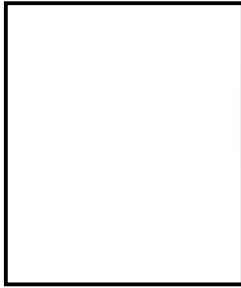


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AUG 25 1966

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U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

NY 100-63755



NY 100-63755

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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 4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
 5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
 6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____.
7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 6/25/57, 10/23/62, 11/15/62.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
 when contacted on the above three occasions subject was uncooperative. Subject's spouse has also been uncooperative when contacted for interview and it is felt that the subject offers no potential as a security informant.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____
 of the subject's extensive history of CP leadership, coupled with the lack of evidence indicating any clear ideological break with Communism. The subject was a former leader in the CP underground. Bureau letter dated 1/2/63 instructed that the subject's name be retained on the Security Index for the above reasons.
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☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) _____



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-142323

NYfile 100-63755

Director

United States Secret Service

Department of the Treasury

Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Leon Nelson

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available

☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours;

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

2-Bureau (RM)

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1)

U. S. Secret Service

1-New York

WLB:jb (4)

Enclosure(s) 1

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-142323)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755) (C)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON aka
SM-C
(OO:NY)

DATE: 8/15/67

Re NYlet to Bureau, 8/16/66.

This letter is being submitted in lieu of an annual report as a review of instant case file and NYO indices did not reflect any additional reportable information.

Mrs. CAMILLO DE FILLIPO, 2343 East 1st Street, Brooklyn, NY, was contacted at her place of business, Camillo's Beauty Shop, 2376 West Street, Brooklyn, NY (DE 9-9464), by SA LARRY C. BOND, on 7/11/67. She advised that subject still resides at 2345 East 1st Street, Brooklyn, NY.

By pretext call on 7/17/67, by SA LARRY C. BOND (bank error in favor of LEON A NELSON), it was determined that he is still employed as Secretary, M. Silverman Laces, Inc., 1001 6th Avenue, NY, NY.

Records of the Bureau of Special Services, NYC Police Department, were checked during July, 1967, by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, and advised there was no information concerning subject.

The following informants were checked during July, 1967, and exhibited a photograph of the subject however, they could furnish no information concerning the subject:

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1-New York

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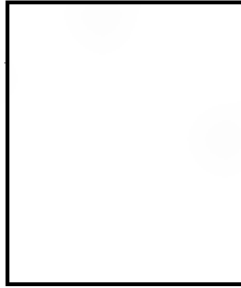
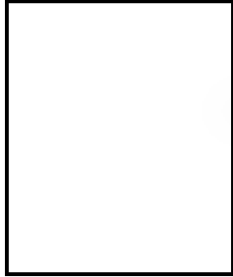
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 NYfile 100-63755

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3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
 Date photograph was taken 3/3/55.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because
 (state reason)

7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 6/25/57; 10/23/62; 11/15/62
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
 During interviews on the three previous occasions subject was uncooperative. It is felt that the subject offers no potential as a security informant.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because
 (state reason)
 his extensive history of CP leadership coupled with the lack of evidence indicating any clear ideological break with Communism. Subject was a former leader in the CP underground. Bureau letter dated 1/2/63, instructed that subject's name be retained on the Security Index for the above reasons.

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

~~SECRET~~

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Director, FBI

August 23, 1967

1 - Mr. Glascock
1 - Mr. Stark

EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

The name of the subject appearing below has been approved for inclusion in the Security Index by the Internal Security Division of the Department.

Name: **LEON NELSON**

FBI File Number: **100-142323**

Department Approved: **August 5, 1960**

Date of Last Report: **December 14, 1962**

Investigation has failed to develop evidence of recent subversive activities or affiliations on the part of the subject. All pertinent information concerning the reported past subversive activities of the subject has been furnished the Records Administration Office.

It is requested that the results of the investigation be reviewed to determine whether the subject's name should continue to be included in the Security Index.

100-398030

1 - New York (100-63755)

NOTE: SAC, New York

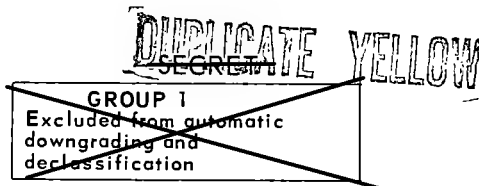
Pending receipt of reply from Department, subject's name will be retained in Security Index.

① - 100-142323 (Leon Nelson)

NOTE: Letter classified "Secret" as pertains to SI and EDP, component parts of which are so classified by the Department.

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(6)

62 AUG 25 1967



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United States Government
MEMORANDUM~~SECRET~~To: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: September 6, 1967.

From: Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Security index card cancelled

Subject: INDEX REVIEW

Re: NELSON
LEON or LEONARD NELSON

FBI No. 100-142323

CC: 100-398030

Reports of investigation have been reviewed as requested

by you on AUG. 23, 1967It has been determined that indexing of this case for future
review should be☐ continued☒ discontinued

Commentary:

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SEP 19 1967

cc: FBI
ISD-SO

Dept. 146-012-18-2

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SAC, New York (100-63755)

September 12, 1967

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Director, FBI (100-142323) - 144

1 - Mr. Glascock
1 - Mr. Stark

LEON NELSON
SM - C

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Security Index card cancelled

9/13/67
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ReBulet to the Department dated August 23, 1967,
captioned "Emergency Detention Program," a copy of which
was furnished your office.

By letter dated September 6, 1967, the Department
advised that the subject's name should be removed from the
Security Index. This action has been taken at the Bureau
and similar action should be taken with respect to the
cards maintained in your office.

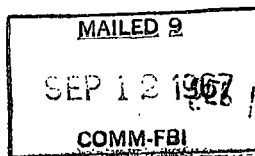
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Cancelled
SEP 14 1967

NOTE:

Last letter in lieu or report dated 8/15/67.



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DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

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MAIL ROOM

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Glascock, 806 1-773 - cancel SI.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

CP4-19

gm

April 12, 1968

FBI LIAISON:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

RE:

0
Leon NELSON
BORN: November 5, 1915
PLACE: New York City

RESIDENCE:

2345 E. 1st Street
Brooklyn, New York 11223

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

100-142323

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

Unknown

PASSPORT NUMBER:

J343824 issued April 5, 1968
at New York

ATTORNEY:

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

Unknown

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

July 8, 1968

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

Air- BOAC

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

Three weeks

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

England, France, Italy, Holland

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

Pleasure and Business

SY/PROSEC DIV. OF
PROTECTIVE SECURITY

1968 APR 16 PM 1 05

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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NOT RECORDED

PASSPORT OFFICE
Robert D. Johnson

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by routing slip for
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date 4-25-68
BY R. D. Johnson

62 APR 29 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-142323)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755) (P)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON
SM - C
(OO:NY)

DATE: 5/28/68

Re Passport Office, USDS, letter to Bureau,
dated April 12, 1968.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of an LHM
pertaining to the issuance of passport and anticipated
travel of subject.

The first confidential source is CG 5824-S*.

The second confidential source is [REDACTED]

SAS CHESTER A. REILLY and EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
interviewed subject on 6/25/57.

The third confidential source is [REDACTED].

The enclosed LHM is being classified "Confidential"
as it contains information from confidential sources of
continuing value and investigative techniques, which, if
their identities were disclosed, would be injurious to the
internal security of the United States.

LEAD

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will, prior to 7/8/68,
confirm subject's proposed travel plans.

- ② - Bureau (Encls. 15) (RM)
1 - New York

LCB:car
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by routing slip for
☒ info ☐ action

Date: 6-4-68
by: [Signature]

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6 MAY 31 1968



JUN 6 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bufile 100-142323
NYfile 100-63755

May 28, 1968

Leon Nelson

On April 12, 1968, the Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised that Passport Number J343824 was issued to Leon Nelson on April 5, 1968, at New York. At the time the passport was issued, Nelson furnished information to the effect that he was born on November 5, 1915, at New York City, and is presently residing at 2345 East First Street, Brooklyn, New York. Further, his application reflected that he intends to depart on July 8, 1968, port of departure unknown, for a three week trip to England, France, Italy, Holland, for both pleasure and business. He intends to travel by British Overseas Airways Corporation.

A confidential source advised on June 24, 1956, that at a meeting of the National Committee, Communist Party (CP), United States of America (USA), held at the Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS), on June 22 to June 24, 1956, Leon Nelson, Organizational Secretary of the New York CP District, gave a report on the status of party organization in the New York District. Informant stated that this report was given at the third session on June 24, 1956.

The JSSS has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Leon Nelson .

A second confidential source advised on August 23, 1956, that Leon Nelson was listed on the New York State CP payroll as of August 3, 1956. This source further advised on September 21, 1956, that Nelson was listed on the New York State CP payroll as of September 7, 1956. The payroll for September 21, 1956, contained a notation opposite Nelson's name "left employ, September 14, 1956."

On June 25, 1957, Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) contacted Leon Nelson. Nelson refused to cooperate with the interviewing agents but did state that he was no longer in the CP having "walked out of the Party several months ago." He said he wanted "nothing more to do with the Party."

A third confidential source on June 17, 1959, advised that a six-page pamphlet entitled "Is The Communist Party, USA, In Its Present Form, A Proper Organization To Bring Socialism To America?" was being distributed in the New York City area. According to this source, William Albertson was of the opinion that the pamphlet, in all probability, originated with a group in Brooklyn, New York, including Leon Nelson and others, as they would try to cause all the trouble they could.

"The Worker", issue of October 11, 1959, on page 11, describes William Albertson as the Executive Secretary of the CP of New York State.

"The Worker" is an east coast
Communist newspaper.

All confidential sources mentioned above have
furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-142323

NYfile 100-63755

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-142323)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-63755) (C)

SUBJECT: LEON NELSON
SM-C
(OO:NY)

DATE: JUL 31 1968

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 5/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of an LHM pertaining to the foreign travel of subject.

A pretext of 7/22/68 to M. Silverman Laces, Incorporated, 1001 6th Avenue, NY, NY, was made by SA LARRY C. BOND using a personal friend pretext.

No further investigation being conducted in this matter and this case is being closed at the NYO.

2-Bureau (Encls. 15) (RM)
1-New York

LCB:rtb
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Copy to CIA, STATE, Rome, Paris
by routing slip for
☐ info ☐ action
date 8/6/68
by [signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-142323

NYfile 100-63755

New York, New York

JUL 31 1968

Leon Nelson

Reference is made to New York memorandum dated
May 28, 1968.

On July 22, 1968, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), by means of a pretext, contacted the switchboard operator at M. Silverman Laces, Incorporated, 1001 6th Avenue, New York, New York. The switchboard operator advised that Leon Nelson, Secretary of the Company, was presently on vacation in Europe and it was anticipated that he would be returning to work on July 30, 1968. She further advised that Nelson had departed the country during the second week of July, 1968.

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